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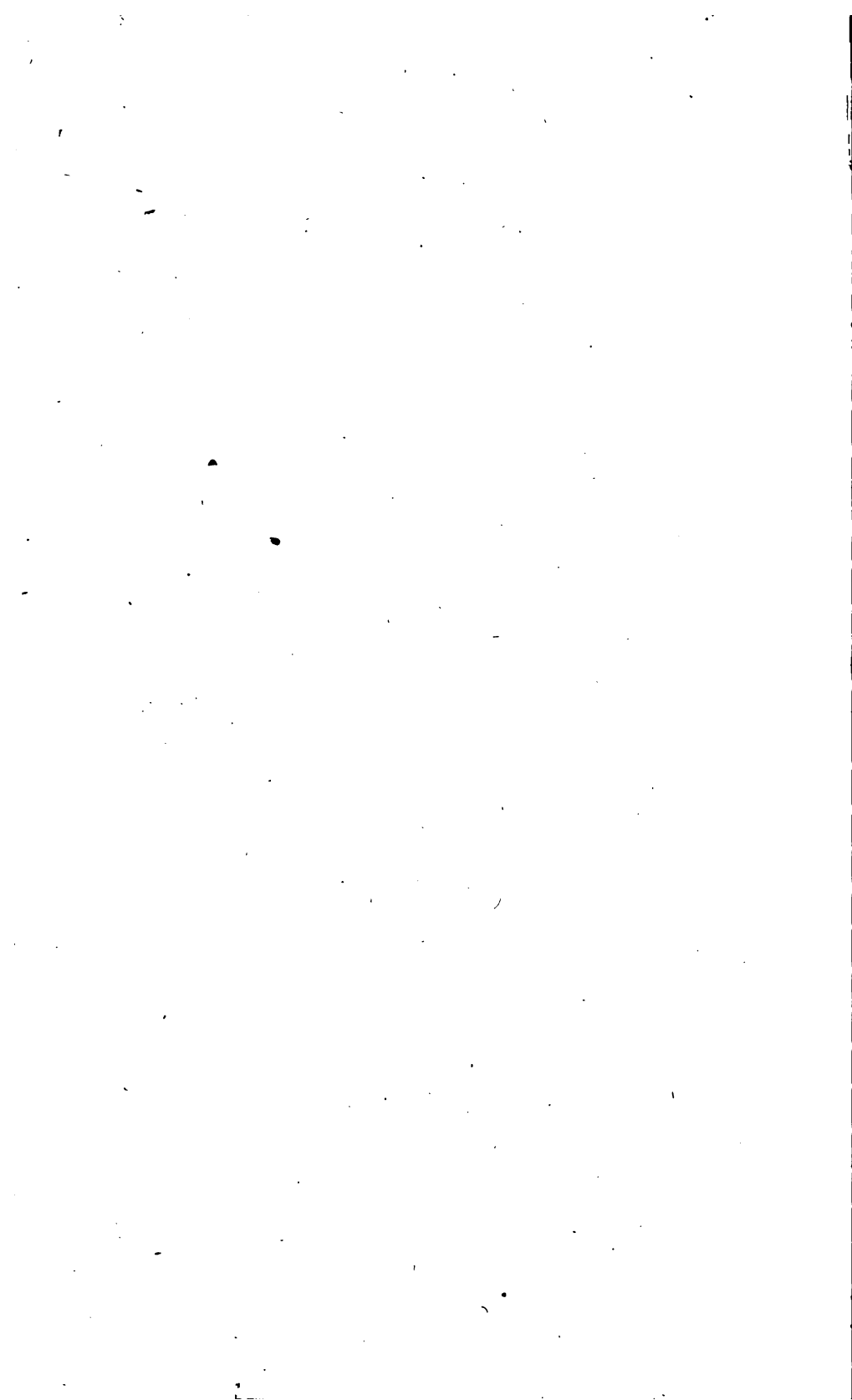
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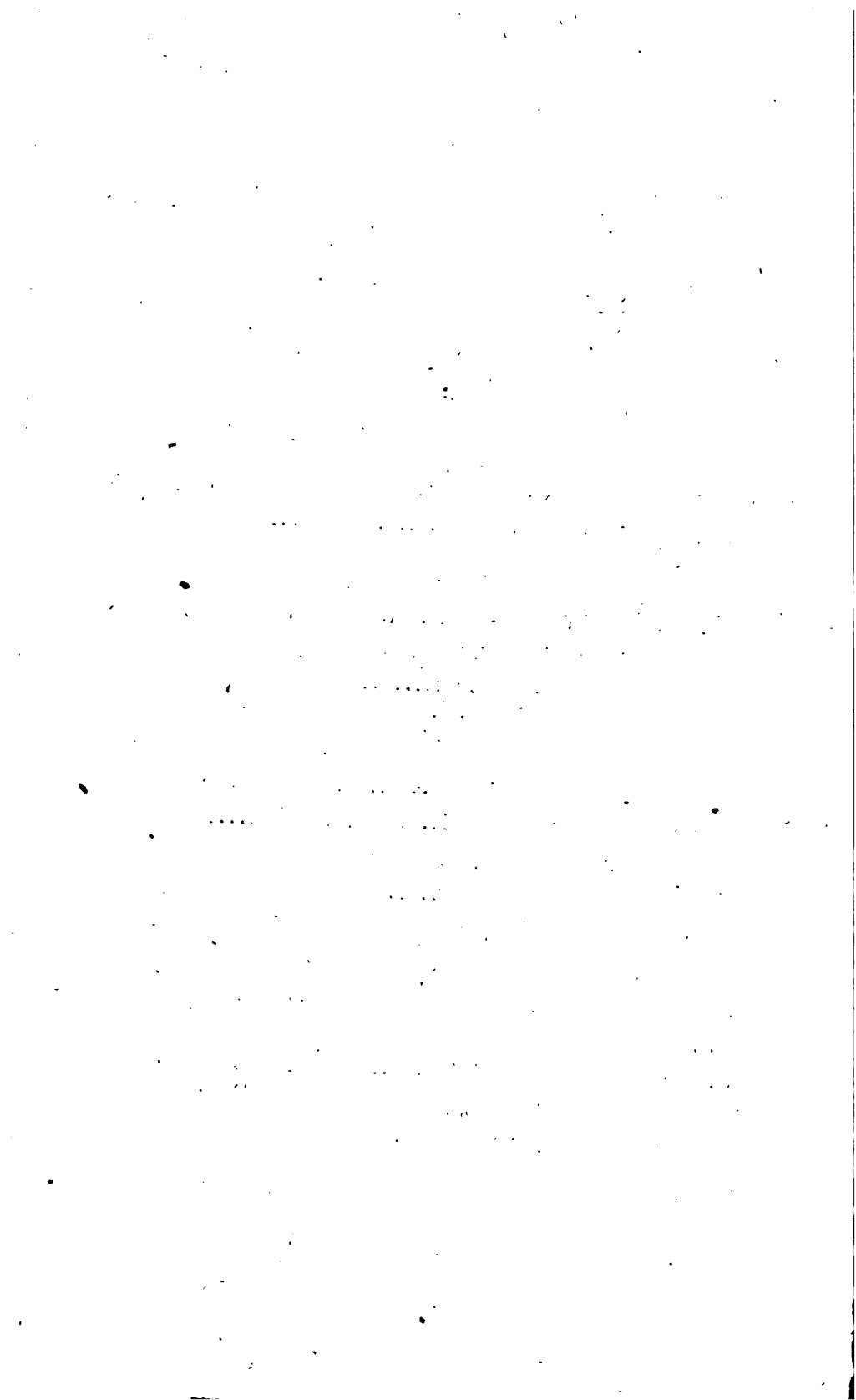
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Report
OF THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE,
1814.

In offering to the Members of the National Society the Third Annual Report of its proceedings, the General Committee deem it the best arrangement they can adopt, to distribute the interesting particulars, which they have to communicate, under two divisions; assigning to the former whatever relates to the process of education; and to the latter the statement, which they have to make, of the extension of the Society's influence, and of the pecuniary aid which it has afforded towards the erection of Schools.

Under the first division, the Central School in Baldwin's Gardens obviously claims primary attention, not merely as being situated in the Metropolis, and as imparting the elements of useful knowledge and sound Christian principles to a great number of its most indigent and ignorant population, but more especially as exhibiting, upon a large scale, a complete exemplification of the System, and thus affording to the public at large the means of satisfying themselves, by personal inspection, of its surprising efficiency and beneficial effects; whilst it furnishes them with a model for the regulation of *their own* arrangements, should they be disposed to co-operate in their respective neighbourhoods in the benevolent designs of the National Society.

The progress made by the Children, who have been under instruction during the last year, has been such as to afford his Grace the ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, and the other Members of the GENERAL COMMITTEE, who, within that period, have twice *publicly* examined them, entire satisfaction, and to call forth an extended distribution of rewards. To describe intelligibly to those who have not themselves witnessed it, what the progress has been, is no very easy task; but the General Committee beg leave to state, that the perfection aimed at consists in every lesson being accurately learnt, distinctly said, and fully comprehended; and whilst they confidently appeal to those who have visited the School, whether these points are not attained to a degree that has at once surprised and delighted them, they earnestly invite all, who desire further satisfaction, to come and judge themselves, the School being at all times open for public inspection.

In the internal regulations of the Central School, no variation from the practice, as stated in the App. No. VIII. of the Report for 1813, has taken place in the course of the present year, except that, instead of dismissing to their places the reading and spelling Classes at the close of each lesson, to prepare themselves for the next lesson, the Children now commonly learn, as well as repeat, their lessons standing in their respective classes, care being taken not to keep them on their feet, so long in the class, as at any time to produce lassitude,—against which, indeed, the break, occasioned by the recurrence of writing lessons, is generally found to be a sufficient security. The loss of time, and the disturbance necessarily created by the Children going to their seats and returning to their class, were evils which the indefatigable Founder of the System had long wished to remedy. Experiment was therefore made of this practice, and it seems to have answered to the extent of Dr. BELL's expectation, for not the smallest inconvenience has been observed from the Children remaining at their lessons even for 2 or 3 hours together, whilst their attention is less apt to wander, and

order is better preserved. But in stating this satisfactory result of their experiment, the General Committee by no means intend to hold it out as an expedient recommended by them to general adoption : but merely to report what has been effected at the Central School, leaving it to the managers of other Madras Schools to determine for themselves, whether their respective establishments are so circumstanced as to promise the like advantage from its introduction.

Connected with the gratifying statement of the progress of the Scholars, is the tribute so justly due to those, by whose ability and assiduous exertions it has been, under the blessing of Divine Providence, in a great measure produced. In speaking of the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON, the General Committee are fully sensible that the services, which he has rendered to the Institution, are far beyond any praise which they can bestow : and they would do less than justice to Mrs. ROGERS, were they to mention her services in terms of qualified acknowledgment : the proficiency and good conduct of the Children in their respective departments are at once their best commendation, and the only adequate recompence of their labours. Unwilling, however, to leave such great deservings without some public token of approbation, the General Committee came to a unanimous vote, that gratuities of 50 guineas and 30 guineas respectively should be presented in their name ; the acceptance of which in the former instance has been respectfully declined, Mr. JOHNSON alledging that his personal wants are provided for by the stipend affixed to his situation, and that under these circumstances he was unwilling to be remunerated at the expence of a fund so constantly drawn upon, and so beneficially expended.

In the last annual account the formation of a Committee of Ladies to superintend the conduct of the Girls School was announced, and the beneficial results of their personal services were then reported : the General Committee cannot quit the subject of improvement in the School without again bearing

testimony, that to their persevering superintendence is fairly to be attributed much of the furtherance given to this branch of their designs.

From the comprehensive principle upon which admission into the Central School is conducted, every applicant being taken in, in rotation, as vacancies occur, some inconveniences have been experienced, which rendered medical aid a necessary appendage to the Establishment. For the removal of these, the assistance of Dr. LATHAM Jun. and Mr. EARL has been gratuitously afforded, and the best thanks of the Society are due to them for their unremitting attention, as well in examining the Children previous to their admission, as on all occasions when their professional advice has been required.

The number of Children already admitted into the Central School, from its first opening in June, 1812, up to June, 1814, are, Boys, 1240; Girls, 730. Under the head of charges for instruction, (with the exception of Salaries), the General Committee have this year scarcely any thing to report: it is however fit that they should state, that, with the view of better enabling Mr. JOHNSON to devote to the Training Masters a larger portion of his time, and to attend to the numerous visitors who frequent the School, both objects of primary importance, they have engaged a regular Master for the Central School. In the selection of Mr. WM. BAMFORD to fill that responsible station, they have another occasion of recording their obligations to Dr. BELL, for the discrimination exercised in the choice of agents to execute his designs, and for the successful means adopted by him to perfect them in their requisite qualifications.

Next in importance to the Children of the Central School, who furnish a practical exemplification of the System, are the Masters educated there; as well those upon the Society's own establishment, engaged either for the temporary or permanent conducting of Schools who apply to it for aid in this particular,

as those provided by the Managers of Schools in the Country for themselves, and received into the Central School for instruction.

It has always been the recommendation of the General Committee to persons in the Country interesting themselves in the formation of Schools, (and experience confirms its expediency,) that they should look out for Masters with suitable qualifications, in their respective neighbourhoods, and send them to be duly instructed for their office at the Central School; but it has at the same time been an object of much solicitude with the General Committee, to provide Masters ready to be sent whenever they may be required, that the prompt supply of such assistance might animate the exertions of all who are disposed to forward the designs of the National Society.

The forming this part of its establishment was the chief difficulty, which the General Committee had to encounter at the commencement of its labours: they have now however the gratification to state that this difficulty is so far overcome, that within the last year, the full complement of Training Masters in constant pay has occasionally been exceeded, and there have been in attendance at the School a number of probationers, qualifying themselves to succeed such as might be recommended to permanent situations.

But the providing Masters, in sufficient numbers to answer the demands made upon them, has not been all that the General Committee have aimed at in the execution of this part of their trust: a strong feeling prevailed of the benefit which would accrue to the Institution, if, for the supply of prominent situations at least, a superior class of young men could be procured: diligent enquiry was accordingly set on foot in the remote parts of the Kingdom, and the offer of defraying the travelling expences of such, as should answer the above description, being

made, several Candidates immediately presented themselves in the Diocese of Carlisle, whose eligibility the Lord BISHOP very obligingly ascertained by a personal examination, and they have fully justified the expectations entertained from his Lordship's favourable report.

That it may appear what benefit has been derived by the Country at large from the exertions of the Society in this particular department, the General Committee proceed to state, that since the publication of the last Report, 34 Training Masters have been received upon its Establishment, the whole number since the commencement of its labours amounting to 67, and that of these 54 have been permanently placed in Schools either formed or re-modelled on the Madras System, and are still acting in connection with the Society, for whose guidance a recommendation has been generally given, that in the conduct of Schools placed under their superintendence, they in no case take *upon themselves* to originate any variations from the practices of the Central Schools. This precautionary regulation has been adopted to provide against a prevailing propensity in the Masters to the making what may be deemed improvements, from the introduction of which the beautiful and efficient simplicity of the System would much more probably receive injury than advantage. And in pressing the general desirableness of uniformity in practice, as well as principle, where it can be conveniently had, the Committee have great satisfaction in the belief that an inspection of the daily process of education at the Central School will satisfy examiners, that deviations from the mode there practised are in general more likely to injure, than to improve the most effective System of Education that has yet been devised for the instruction of the Poor.

It is not only in raising up a constant succession of Masters for the supply of permanent situations that the Public is benefited, but the services of the Society are scarcely less valuable from the temporary superintendence, which it is thus enabled to

afford, either for the organization of Schools at their first institution, or, whenever a desire is expressed for such assistance, for the visiting them afterwards to correct defects which may have inadvertently crept in, and to preserve energy, uniformity, and perfection, in the mechanical parts of the System.

In this latter respect, the services of Mr. Thomas Grover, the Society's oldest Training Master, are particularly deserving of notice. During the whole of the last year he has been occupied in the Northern District of the Kingdom, giving life and energy to the great work which the National Society has in hand, in the populous Counties of York and Lancaster; visiting in rotation the National Schools at York, Leeds, Sheffield, Stokesly, Darlington, Manchester, Rochdale, Moss Bank, Bury, Stockton, and various other places; organizing some, and reforming others, and thus imparting to that important district of the Kingdom, where the objects of gratuitous education so greatly abound, those invaluable benefits which the Madras System cannot fail to convey, whenever practised in purity and perfection. The ability and effect, with which he has executed the trust reposed in him, are abundantly proved by the very satisfactory testimonies transmitted to the School Committee by the Managers of all the Schools which he has visited, and indeed are made sufficiently evident in his own periodical reports.

The Committee of the Deanery of Tendering have also availed themselves in the same way of the aid furnished by the NATIONAL SOCIETY to Societies and Schools in union. With a zeal and judgment, which have characterized all their proceedings, they applied, in July last, for a Training Master to act as Visitor, at their own charge, to the Schools which they have established, now nearly in every parish in that District; and Mr. William Cooper has been ever since in their service, going from School to School, and carrying the System in each of them into complete operation.

But the attention of the General Committee has been only recently called to this very important extension of their superintending care. Hitherto the giving furtherance to the establishment of Schools has been the chief object, upon which their labours have been bestowed. That great public service has now made no inconsiderable advances towards its accomplishment, and the necessity of instituting periodical visitations to prevent that which has been so auspiciously begun, from falling to decay, has been pressed upon their notice from various quarters: and as, in the two instances above detailed, they have demonstrated their readiness to lend the help required, a confident hope prevails that the adoption of the measure will become general, and that in co-operation with the numerous Diocesan and District Societies embarked in the great design of National Education, they shall be enabled, at no great distance of time, to give it complete efficiency by systematic arrangement.

From the Training Masters in the pay of the Society the General Committee pass to those received into the Central School for instruction: and in this particular also the report to be made is very satisfactory; the number admitted within the last year amounting to 45, almost all of whom are now established in the Country, conducting the Schools to which they had been respectively appointed, and having been allowed in many instances, where the insufficiency of the resources at the disposal of their employers seemed to require it, a portion of the expences incurred by their residence in London.

In addition to these, a native of Holland (Mr. Van Wageninge), has been recently qualifying himself at the Central School, for the superintendence of a Madras Institution at the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE; the representations of the General Committee to Lord CHARLES SOMERSET, the Governor, having induced his Excellency to concur heartily with the NATIONAL SOCIETY, in the extension of their benevolent designs to that distant settlement. The General Committee have deemed

his appointment of sufficient interest to be specially reported; and as in some measure connected with it, they have the pleasure to add, that a supply of the Society's Elementary Books has been solicited from another quarter of the globe by the BISHOP of NOVA SCOTIA, and that ten sets, containing 500 of each of the elementary books have been accordingly furnished, for which his cordial thanks have been returned.

But it is not only by means of Masters that the work of National Education is promoted. The Scholars of the Central School are also occasionally instrumental in its diffusion; and as in the statement of the last year's proceedings, the furnishing two Boys, at the desire of the Court of Directors of the East-India Company to be sent to St. Helena, to assist in the establishment of a Madras School in that Island; was reported; so now they have further to state, that, at the desire of the CHAPLAIN, of the *Tonnant*, a boy has been sent to introduce the System on board that Ship, and thus to open a new and very extensive field to the Society's exertions.

The subject of Books is the last to be adverted to in the first division of this Report; and here the Committee have to communicate, for general information, that in the course of last year the National Society's Central School Book, No. 3 has been published, which is intended to connect the Elementary Books No. 1 and 2 before provided, with the collection of small Books recommended for the use of Schools in union, in the Society's Advertisement of February 1813, and to be found in the Appendix to their last Report. To this list they do not propose at present to make any further additions; and they trust that, if the principles and practices of the System are correctly attended to, the series will be deemed sufficient.

Such have been the proceedings during the last year at the Central School, before taking leave of which, the General Committee feel it their duty to state, for the gratification of the

Society at large, that the System has not only met with the approbation of numerous and very respectable Visitors, from all parts of the Kingdom, but in an especial manner of His Royal Highness the DUKE of YORK, the PRINCE SOVEREIGN of the NETHERLANDS, and Her Imperial Highness the DUCHESS of OLDENBURGH, each of whom has honoured the School with a very minute personal inspection. How duly the Madras System is appreciated by the former of these illustrious Personages, appears not only from his Patronage of the Westminster Free-School, but also more especially from his introduction of it into the Military Asylum and the Regimental Schools, both which Establishments owe their institution to his paternal care for the welfare of the British Army; and the lively interest shewn by the Foreign Princes on their respective visits justifies the most sanguine hopes, that the Madras System, emanating from England, may, under their auspices, gradually disperse its blessings far beyond the limits of the British Empire.

The General Committee now pass on to the second division of their Report, under which they have to render an account but of two particulars; both of them however of a very interesting nature, as they relate to the extension of the Society's influence and usefulness, by the accession of Societies and Schools into union with it, and to the distribution of pecuniary aid, in furtherance of local exertions, to provide School-rooms adequate to the accommodation of the large number of Children, to whom, upon the comprehensive principles of the System, an invitation is held out to receive the benefits of instruction.

Under the head of accessions to union with the National Society, the General Committee have to report the five Diocesan Societies of BATH AND WELLS, ELY, WORCESTER, HEREFORD, and BANGOR. Three important Institutions in the Metropolis, formed within the last year: the CITY-OF-LONDON Auxiliary School Society, the ST. SAVIOUR'S, Southwark, Co-operating Society, and the ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE FIELDS National Schools. The former of these established in the very heart of the City, munificently supported by the inhabitants of the different Wards, and projecting the institution of Schools in whatever part of London any number of the infant Poor are found without the means of instruction: and the two latter instituted in two populous Districts in its two opposite extremities, and designed to impart each respectively to its own poor the benefits of education. They have further to report the accession of the four Deanery Societies of RIPPON, DARTFORD, JERSEY, and EWELL; of the Archdeaconry Society of COVENTRY, and of the EAST SUSSEX District Society: of Schools in the towns of SHEFFIELD, NOTTINGHAM, READING, NEWBURY, CAMBRIDGE, HERTFORD, LUDLOW, HALIFAX, BURY in LANCASHIRE, MACCLESFIELD, DEVIZES, CHESTERFIELD, ROCHDALE, and FLINT; besides 103 other places, many of them in the midst of manufactories, where the objects of instruction are very numerous, and where the evils arising from ignorance and bad example greatly prevail: and the remainder, with few exceptions, commodiously situated for exhibiting patterns of the System in parts of the kingdom into which it had not before been introduced, and thus of affording new facilities and excitements to the accomplishment of the ultimate object of the Society.

The result then of the labours of the General Committee in this particular is, that 130 Societies and Schools have been incorporated with the National Society since the last General Meeting, and that the number of Children, previously uneducated, to whom the benefits of Religious Instruction have thus been extended, amounts to upwards of 20000: so that the Schools now conducted under the Society's auspices, and according to the doctrine and discipline of the Established Church, which were stated in the last Report to be 230, now amount to 360; and the number of Children comprized in them, which was last year computed at upwards

of 40000 is now 60000; a progress which the General Committee cannot but consider as fully answering the most sanguine expectations, and for which, in common, they have no doubt, with every member of the Society at large, they feel the liveliest emotions of gratitude to Providence.

Satisfactory however as this grand total is, it is far from exhibiting a complete representation of the extent to which the Madras System has spread itself through the country, or even to which the Society's labours have prevailed. The MILITARY ASYLUM at Chelsea; the NAVAL ASYLUM at Greenwich; and the REGIMENTAL SCHOOLS, though not formally united to the NATIONAL SOCIETY, yet agreeing with its terms of union, are in close conformity with it both in principle and practice; and in most of the Reports from Diocesan and District Societies, many Schools are specified or adverted to, as having derived information from the National Schools, and as conducted on their model, and to all intents and purposes promoting the Society's designs; though they have not yet been placed by their respective patrons under its superintendence.

Such is the satisfactory retrospect of the 2 years, during which the Society's exertions have been devoted to the general diffusion of Religious Knowledge amongst the lower orders by means of the Madras System. The prospect is equally auspicious and encouraging: for the Committee have the high gratification to state, that not only do present appearances indicate rapid progress at home, but that in the SISTER ISLAND a new and most interesting field of exertion has recently been opened, which may possibly lead to highly beneficial results.

Upon the remaining particular, the application of the resources of the Society to the promotion of its great design, the General Committee have the satisfaction to report, that to encourage and give effect to the zeal and liberality, which have been called forth in various parts of the Kingdom, in the esta-

ishment of Madras Schools, they have this year granted, from the fund confided to their appropriation, the Sum of £3982. 10s.

In the distribution of this pecuniary aid the largest measure has been apportioned to the Madras Institutions in SHEFFIELD, LEICESTER, and HALIFAX, £300. having been granted to each. It will be at once obvious, that scarcely any of our large manufacturing towns can be named, in which the objects of gratuitous education are probably more numerous than in the three above specified, or more beyond the means of that part of the Inhabitants who take a lively interest in the education of the Poor, and who feel it their duty to combine Religious Instruction with useful learning, and to dispense the former according to the Liturgy and Catechism of the Church of England; and therefore that it became the Society to foster these Institutions with their tenderest care, and, when solicited by the benevolent promoters of them to aid their exertions, to make a munificent return to the application.

In the case of SHEFFIELD this claim upon the Society came strongly enforced by the noble spirit displayed, by those who stood forward in that town, to impart to its indigent and uninstructed population the benefits of the Madras System. Notwithstanding the general embarrassment, occasioned by the stagnation of trade, they caught the charitable impulse on the first appeal of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, and adopting the manly resolution, that the preliminary obstacle to the formation of their establishment—the want of School-rooms—should be surmounted, they took immediate measures for erecting rooms of such dimensions as to be capable of containing near 1000 Children, and engaged in the undertaking, though estimated at £2300., as soon as they had raised among themselves two-thirds of the money: when their application came before the General Committee, they were again engaged in providing the means of accommodation for still greater numbers.

The grant to LEICESTER was made under a different impression: it was from a feeling of commiseration excited by

the last printed Report of that District Society, wherein it is stated, that out of a population of probably 2500 Children not 500 enjoyed the benefits of daily education, and that though such was the practicability of remedying this great evil, that it might be effected without any great additional demand upon the benevolence of the Inhabitants, yet the Central School established the preceding year, was of necessity given up for want of local co-operation.

The case of HALIFAX also was one which appealed strongly to the compassion of the Society, for by the calamity of fire their Schools, established two years ago, had been burnt down. The loss thus occasioned was considerable; but had not been suffered to interrupt their plans and proceedings, which were carried on with as great spirit and diligence as ever. The temporary building, to which they were obliged to remove, was so inconvenient, that a new erection was considered indispensable, and the lowest estimate they could procure amounted to £850., of which £450. had been raised, but it was the whole, that with their utmost endeavours they were at present able to obtain.

To the St. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS National School, to LEEDS, to MACCLESFIELD, and to BURY, in Lancashire, pecuniary aid has been granted to the extent of £200. each.

The former of these Institutions, from the large compass of the Parish whose numerous Poor it is intended to benefit, and from the importance of its situation in the Metropolis, was hailed by the General Committee as an Establishment to which it was bound to render efficient support, especially as every exertion had been previously made, and most spacious premises procured; for the expenses of entering upon, and fitting up which, consistently with the making due provision for its future support, the fund which had been raised would not entirely supply the necessary resources. The obligations moreover of the NATIONAL SOCIETY to the Parish of St. MARTIN'S for the kind accommodation of its Vestry-Room for

the Meetings of the General Committee, claimed an acknowledgement; which the General Committee could not but gladly avail itself of so favourable an opportunity to express.

By reference to the Appendix of the last year's Report it will be seen, that the founders of the School at LEEDS have great claims, not only as having stood foremost in the Diocese of YORK, in forming a Madras Establishment, but as having, with the assistance of a grant of land, which, together with a large Barn standing upon it, was assigned to them by His Grace the Duke of DEVONSHIRE's liberality, and at an expence to themselves of £1370., prepared accommodation for 500 Children, and as making their appeal not in aid of past expences, but for help in a new design, of erecting a separate building for their Girls School, that they may appropriate the present building entirely to Boys, and thus be enabled to dispense to a much greater number of Children the benefits of a religious education.

The application from MACCLESFIELD brought with it recommendations scarcely inferior to those of LEEDS: for the promoters of National Education amongst its Inhabitants had laid their plans upon a very extensive scale, their estimate amounting to £2000, and had raised amongst themselves £1700. of the money, before they solicited from the Society pecuniary assistance.

The representations made from BURY, in Lancashire, appeared to merit, equally with the former case, an extension of the Society's liberality. The Inhabitants of this populous town having undertaken to build two School-rooms, of sufficient dimensions to receive near 700 Children, and having raised amongst themselves, and appropriated to the execution of the design, a sum of money adequate to its completion. A site for the erection was, however, still wanting, and a piece of ground, very eligibly situated, having been offered to them for £200. to enable them to raise this sum, was the object of their appeal.

tion; the Committee immediately made a grant to that amount, as well from a conviction of the importance of the projected Establishment, at the place in question, as to mark the sense which they entertained of such laudable exertions.

To one place only, viz. BINGLEY, in Yorkshire, has £150. been granted. It is situated in the very heart of the West Riding, where manufactories abound, very extensive and populous, and it contains some thousands of Children brought up in total want of education. The advocates for the introduction of the Madras System are few, but those few so hearty in the cause, that they had laid their plans for providing for the reception of from 500 to 600 Children; the Vicar alone, (the Rev. Dr. HARTLEY), though obliged to keep a boarding School for his own decent maintenance, having cheerfully contributed £100., nearly one year's clear receipts of the emoluments of his benefice, besides an annual contribution of £10. to the charitable undertaking.

The grants of £100. each, in aid of Contributions raised in various places for the erection of Schools, are too numerous to particularize—the mere mention of most of them will shew their local importance, and how effectually the views of the Society are promoted by the drafts made in their behalf upon its funds. The ST. SAVIOUR'S Co-operating Society, in Southwark, may first be mentioned as an Institution well entitled to the succour which it has received, being formed in a part of the suburbs of the Metropolis into which the Madras System had not been before introduced, containing a very large, and very indigent population, and having failed of receiving that encouragement and support from the wealthy part of the inhabitants, to which the obvious excellence of the object, and the zeal and activity of the Committee, gave it the most substantial claim.

The peculiar circumstances of WINTERBOURN, greatly overburthened with Poor, in an abject state of ignorance, its

vicinity to Bristol, and especially the liberality and promptitude with which the Farmers and even the lower Classes came forward, engaging if £100 were granted them, to raise £300. amongst themselves, and with it to erect a building adequate to their wants, produced but one opinion in the General Committee, upon the expediency of acceding to their wishes.

The circumstances of DALTON, in Yorkshire, as stated in the application of the District Committee, established there, are much the same. Situated close to HUDDERSFIELD, it abounds in objects of gratuitous instruction, and the means of affording instruction are very small. £320. had been raised, which falling short by £170. of the sum required, according to a plan and estimate of the intended building, submitted to the General Committee, a grant of the residue was solicited by Sir JOHN LISTER KAYE, Bart. the Lord of the Manor; who, besides making a liberal contribution, had granted the ground, on their undertaking to complete the work upon rather an extended scale, according to the dimensions exhibited.

The case of WANDSWORTH should be specified; but the claim of its Inhabitants is so well made out in their Report, which will be found in the Appendix to the Society's last annual account, that it is sufficient to give a reference to that for the information.

It is sufficient to enumerate CARLISLE, CHESTERFIELD, DEAL, FAVERSHAM, and NOTTINGHAM, and the Hamlet of RATCLIFF, in the Parish of STEPNEY, without entering into the particulars of each, to satisfy the Subscribers at large, that in giving effect to the exertions made in these places by the friends of the Madras System, the several sums of £100. granted respectively to them, have been beneficially expended.

Other sums of £100. have been assigned to different places, in furtherance of their co-operation with the NATIONAL SOCIETY in promoting its designs, besides many grants of smaller

account, upon representations which seemed fully to warrant the several Donations, but which, it would too much lengthen out this detail to particularize. These will be found registered in the list of Grants in the Appendix. There is, however, one grant of £100., *that* made to ACTON BURNELL, in Shropshire, which, from the comparative obscurity of the place, requires explanation, and which was produced by a statement of so interesting a nature, and so highly creditable to the parties concerned, that it would be equally an injustice to them, and to the Subscribers at large, to pass it over in silence.

It is already known to such of the Subscribers as have perused the last annual Report, that to the zeal and indefatigable perseverance of the Rev. Mr. HESKETH, the Establishment, and present flourishing state of that important Institution, the CITY-OF-LONDON Auxiliary National Schools, is in a great degree to be attributed. This Gentleman having recently become the Incumbent of Acton Burnell, a Parish containing a population of 450 Persons, half of them Roman Catholics, and having a numerous Poor, upon going into residence last Summer, found the Protestant part of his Parishioners totally unprovided with the means of instruction, and, in this respect, under great disadvantages, from the peculiar circumstances of the place. To redress the grievance was Mr. HESKETH's first concern: accordingly he opened School in the Chancel of the Church, and procured the regular attendance of Children, to the amount of 90, not merely from his own Parish, but from three adjoining Hamlets, for whom he provided Books, and a Master, at his own expence. The happiest consequences have resulted from his pastoral exertions. Sir EDWARD SMYTHE, Bart. Lord of the Manor, highly to his honour, has given a piece of Ground, on which to erect a School for poor Protestant Children: he has, moreover, promised a liberal Subscription to the Building Fund, together with Stone in the rough; and his Menantry have volunteered their services to draw the requisites for the Building. From £180. to £200. was stated

to be required, nearly half of which appeared to be already raised by Mr. HESKETH'S own Subscription of Twenty Guineas, and several smaller Sums collected in the Neighbourhood, the General Committee, therefore, to mark their sense of this whole transaction, immediately granted the remainder.

Thus have the General Committee submitted, to the Subscribers assembled at their Annual Meeting, a summary of their last year's proceedings; and when they are informed, that the disbursement from the Funds of the above specified Sum of £3982. 10s. of the chief items of which an explanation has been given, has procured the erection of 30 Schools, many of them situated in most important places, and constructed upon a very extensive scale, and at an expense to the parties engaged in these benevolent undertakings, independently of the Society's aid, of upwards of £18000., besides, in many instances, the Sites upon which the Buildings are erected, and in all, the *annual Contributions* for their support: the General Committee cannot but anticipate the cordial approbation of the Society, as having practised an enlarged economy in the distribution of its resources, and as having turned them to a most advantageous account.

This Sum, however large, is far from presenting a complete statement of the Money expended in the course of the present year, in the erection of Schools—for several have been erected in various places, by the liberality of the Inhabitants, without any aid from the funds of the Society. To detail all these local acts of benevolence is not necessary, but the example, which the Corporation of HARWICH have set to other corporate bodies in the Kingdom, merits all the publicity which can be given it; since, at the expense of more than £700., exclusive of the value of the ground, they have now completed their School, capable of containing 300 Children, and have admitted the Trustees as free Tenants as long as a National School should be supported in that Borough. Under these

auspicious circumstances, the General Committee cannot suppress the repetition of their congratulations upon the stability, as well as extent which the Society has acquired by the erection of its now numerous Schools, which will not only render it a blessing to the æra of its establishment, but convey down its inestimable benefits to future generations.

Having completed their statement of proceedings, and, in the preparation of it, having had in review before them the labours of the year, the General Committee cannot be insensible how very imperfectly the Society's debt of gratitude has been discharged, by the specification already made of those to whom its acknowledgments were due.

In the detail of the several particulars of its extensive concerns, the General Committee were naturally reminded of those Persons, whose services in each department had been conspicuously meritorious, and had mainly contributed to its success; they are assured, therefore, that they cannot close their annual account, in a manner more consistent with their own sense of duty, or more agreeable to the feelings of the Subscribers at large, than by directing their attention to those Gentlemen more immediately attached to their own body, and assistant at all their deliberations, whose zeal and assiduity in promoting these great national objects, impose on the Society the greatest weight of obligation.

On the merits of their Secretary, the Rev. T. T. WALMSLEY, whose office is peculiarly laborious, from having to conduct the whole correspondence of the Society, to attend upon all its Committees, and to record all its proceedings, it may be thought unnecessary to enlarge; since his office occasions him continual intercourse with all the Society's connections, and, from the very outset of the great work in hand, it has been to the General Committee a source of encreasing gratification, that almost every letter, submitted to their consideration, is introduced with an acknowledgement of his prompti-

tude in replying to applications, and of his zeal in affording facility to those disposed to co-operate with the Society, in the furtherance of its design ; whilst, in very many instances, he appears to have ingratiated himself into the esteem of his Correspondents, and to have promoted the extension of the System, by his conciliating and encouraging communications.

Of the measure of gratitude and respect to which the Treasurer, JOSHUA WATSON Esq. is entitled, they cannot furnish the Society with better data for taking a faithful estimate, than by stating, that essential as are the benefits rendered to it in his own particular province, by his vigilance in watching over its expenditure, his success in husbanding its resources, and his liberality in defraying at his own cost all the charges incurred, they are still exceeded by his services as a Member of their own body ; in all the deliberations of which he has taken a most lively interest, contributing not a little to the elucidation of the many important matters which they have been called upon to discuss, by his judgment, and various information.

The public spirit evinced by both these Gentlemen in charging themselves gratuitously with the important concerns belonging to their respective appointments, can only be appreciated by those, who have the opportunity of knowing the great personal sacrifices which the execution of their trusts require.

Of the debt of gratitude due to Dr. BELL, for devising and bringing to maturity a method of general education, which has enabled the Governors of the Church to execute what our Reformers projected—the giving to the whole population of the realm a competent measure of useful learning, seasoned with religious instruction, in the principles of our National Faith—the Committee feel that it is quite out of date for them to offer any computation. The System itself, now extended into almost every part of the Empire, has carried with it the only adequate exemplification of the pretensions of its Inventor. But it would be a failure of duty in the General Committee, not to advert

to the new and increasing obligations which he is conferring, not merely on the Society, but on the Nation at large. Possessing an honourable retirement, he might deem himself exonerated by his past services from further exertion ; but with unabated zeal, and, at his own charges, he continues to dedicate his whole time, and all the energies of his mind, to the great work which he has begun, dividing the year between attendance at the Central School, and the visitation of its numerous country connections ; and apparently setting no other value upon his life, than as he can render it instrumental to the universal adoption of the Madras System. These are deservings which the General Committee deem it incumbent on them to record, but do not pretend to estimate.

Here they would close their Report, if they did not deem it of importance to let it be known to the Public, that the conduct and management of the Institution has never ceased to engage the consideration of many of the first characters, both of Church and State, who have been selected for that purpose by the Society at large. It would be superfluous to enumerate individually all those, whose exertions have been eminently serviceable ; but it must be satisfactory to the Public to learn, and therefore it is their duty not to withhold the fact, that notwithstanding the numerous and various demands on the time of their most Rev. President, the ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, the Society has never failed to receive the countenance of his high authority, as well by his constantly presiding at all their deliberations, as by his presence at the public examinations of the Children at the Central School. It is thus that life and energy have been diffused through all parts of the Institution ; and that within 2 years from its establishment, it has risen from inconsiderable beginnings, to that high consideration in which the General Committee have the satisfaction to know, that it is now universally held by the benevolent and discerning inhabitants of this enlightened Empire.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

N^o. I.

**SUMMARY of REPORTS from DIOCESAN and
DISTRICT SOCIETIES and SCHOOLS in
UNION with the NATIONAL SOCIETY.**

CANTERBURY

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report that the Central Establishment, comprising a School for Boys, another for Girls, and a third termed the Nursery School for Children of both sexes under six years of age, is proceeding with great success; that the general improvement of the Children, and their progress in religious instruction are alike satisfactory. That from the best observation that can be made upon so short an experiment, there is every reason to hope, that the Nursery School will be of the greatest advantage in bringing the Children of the Poor under wholesome discipline, before bad habits have been contracted, and thus preparing their minds to receive the lessons of education with docility, and to retain the salutary impressions of their early years, during the remainder of their lives. That Visitors are appointed, and frequently attend the Schools. That though, from the smallness of the Churches in Canterbury, the Children cannot all be received into one Church, they are accommodated very well in different Churches, in three divisions. That the good effect of the Schools is very manifest in the more orderly behaviour of the Children, not merely when under their Master's eye, but when

passing through the streets, and also in the attention paid by their Parents to their more decent and comfortable clothing; and that their constant attendance at Divine Worship has induced some Parents, to accompany them who were not in the habit of paying any attention before to their religious duties. That needle-work and knitting have been successfully introduced into the Girls' School by the Ladies who kindly superintend that department, but that no method of employing the Boys in works of Industry has as yet been devised, though much consideration has been bestowed upon the subject. That this defect, however, is the less to be regretted, because the elder Boys, for whom works of Industry would be chiefly useful, are employed in husbandry full half the year, and during the autumnal and winter months, to which their attendance at School is in a great measure limited, have scarcely more time than may be profitably occupied in acquiring religious and useful learning. That some Serjeants, to superintend the Military Schools in Canterbury, are the only Masters who have been trained during the year at the Central School.

That with the concurrence of the Executors, they have availed themselves of a Legacy of £37. per annum, bequeathed by Mr. HEARNE, for the support of a Sunday School; and that the Children are accordingly instructed before and after Church on Sundays, as well as on the other days of the week. That fifty new Subscribers to the Fund for the support of the Central Schools have been added to the former List during the last Year; and that the number of Scholars is nearly double the last total reported, and is still expected considerably to encrease, as two Schools, which had been established for affording gratuitous education to the Poor, have been discontinued; the objects of which are now dependant upon the National Central School for instruction. That they continue to receive into the School all who apply for admission, entertaining no doubt of the cheerfulness with which the Inhabitants of the City and its Neighbourhood will come forward to aid the Society with Subscriptions, not only equal to the encreased Expenditure, but in such measure as to enable them to make many improvements in the Establishment.

That the funds for the support of the Central School, and the number of Children at present under instruction, are—

Donations £248. 2s. 6d. *Annual Subscriptions* £234. 14s. 6d.—

Boys 220. *Girls* 220. *Children under Six Years* 120.

The Committee further report upon the progress of the National System through the Diocese, that the Schools at PETHAM, WITTERSHAM, and TENTERDEN are proceeding as stated in the last annual Account; the number of Children under instruction, being as follows:

PETHAM, *Boys* 50. *Girls* 30.

WITTERSHAM,.... 64. 27.

TENTERDEN, *Boys and Girls* 150.

That the School at SITTINGBORN has been enlarged: that all the Children can say the Catechism; that of these many can read in the Testament, and the rest are in a progressive state of improvement: that the Girls are taught needle-work: that their accommodation at Church is provided for by benches placed before the Altar: that ~~the annual Subscriptions are increased~~ from £106. 17s. 6d. to £120. and that the number now under instruction, which was 100, now amounts to—

Boys 108. *Girls* 98.

That the School, stated in the last Report as lately opened at CHARTHAM, under the auspices of the Rev. Sir JOHN FAGG, Bart., who has granted the use of a house for the purpose, is supported by the voluntary Contributions of the Inhabitants, and by an annual Sermon; and that the fund thus raised, and the number of Children under instruction, amount to—

£68. 12s. 2d.—*Boys* 40. *Girls* 60.

That in the course of the present year, new Unions have been formed with the Diocesan Society, by Societies and Schools instituted at DEAL, FAVERSHAM, LYDD, SMARDEN, PLUCKLEY, CHALHAM, and CHALLOCK, and that the number of Children, exclusive of those in the Central School, to whom the benefits of Education has been extended, through the influence of this Diocesan Society, is raised since the last Report, from—

700 to upwards of 1700.

That at DEAL a School-room has been purchased, and that the funds for its support, and the number of Children at present under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £95. 11s.—Boys 100. Girls 100,

That at FAVERSHAM a School has been erected, and that the funds raised for the building and support of it, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

*Donations £416. 1s. 6d. Annual Subscriptions £155. 15s. 6d.—
Boys and Girls 300.*

That at LYDD a School has been formed, and the funds provided for its support, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £134.—Boys 78. Girls 42.

That at SMARDEN the means are only adequate to afford instruction on Sundays. The funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children being—

Annual Subscriptions £30.—Boys and Girls 70.

That from Pluckley, Chatham, and Challock no report has been received.

That besides these Schools in Union with the National Society, there is at MARGATE a School of much reputation, containing about 400 Children. That there are also Schools not at present united at RAMSGATE, SANDWICH, and MAIDSTONE, and in many Villages, so that few populous places in the Diocese are unprovided with Schools for the Poor, though in some places, from the insensibility of the Parents to the blessings of religious instruction, the number of uneducated Children is still considerable.

That from the success of the experiments in some of the villages above enumerated, it appears, that though the National System is best adapted to the instruction of large numbers, it is capable of application to smaller Establishments, which may frequently be supported by very trifling Subscriptions, with the assistance, in some instances, of Legacies left for indefinite charitable purposes—

in others, of an allowance out of the Parochial Rates—and, in others, of a trifling payment from the Children, to make up the Salary of the Master or Mistress; and the Committee suggest for consideration, the practicability of farther surmounting the obstacle produced by the want of funds, by the combination of contiguous Parishes, to engage an itinerant Master, who, giving the morning to one School, and the evening to another, once or twice a week, might thus superintend 6 or even 12 little Schools, at such a Salary from each as the most destitute Parish in the Kingdom might, it is presumed, raise without inconvenience, for a purpose so conducive to its own welfare. That the fund for general purposes, is—

Donations £594. 1s. Annual Subscriptions £117. 7s.

YORK

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that pursuing the plan laid down in the last year's Statement of Proceedings, they have conducted the business of the Society by means of the School and Corresponding Sub-Committees; the one superintending the process of Education in the Central School; the other promoting the extension of the System throughout the Diocese.

That with respect to the CENTRAL SCHOOL, those further improvements which they confidently promised, have all been happily realized; and that this Institution now exhibits correct models of a Boys and Girls' School on the National System, at once conferring great advantages on the City of YORK, and encreasing the reputation of the System throughout the Diocese. That for this state of perfection to which the Schools

are advanced, they are in a great measure indebted to the diligence and abilities of the Master and Mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Danby, in their respective departments. That an improved arrangement* has been introduced into the School, which, though attended with a heavy expence, they did not hesitate to incur, under the strong impression that they were turning their resources to the best account, in forming the Schools, intended as models to the rest of the Diocese, upon the most perfect plan. That the Schools are now capable of receiving all the Children in YORK, whose Parents are disposed to send them: that they all attend Divine Service, the Boys at the Cathedral, the Girls at the Parish Churches; that they make a regular progress in the several parts of learning; and are visibly improved in habits of order, respect to their superiors, and general behaviour. That the System has been adopted by the Managers of a Spinning-School in the City, the Mistress of which has been trained in the Central School; and that the number of Children now under instruction, are—

Boys 251. Girls 131.

With respect to the extension of the System in the Diocese the Committee report, that it is gradually advancing to its desired end. That the respectable Societies of RIPON and SHEFFIELD have recently united themselves to the Diocesan Society; and that a District Society has been formed at SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN. That in furtherance of the Plans of the National System, the following sums have this year been remitted from the Diocesan Fund, towards the erection of Schools—

To the BEVERLEY School	£50.
STOKESLEY School	50.
RETFORD School	50.
BINGLEY School	50.
SHEFFIELD School	60.

* The YORK Schools were originally fitted up with cross benches, which have since been removed from the area, and ranged in a double row round the walls; at the suggestion of Mr. Grover, one of the NATIONAL SOCIETY'S visiting Masters, who passed some time at YORK on the invitation of the Committee. By this alteration, accommodation was provided for 60 more Children.

That *they* are under engagement to grant towards the erection of Schools—

At BEEFORD £25.

At SKIPTON 30.

and that in addition to these Grants, £50. has been expended in ample supplies of Books to all Schools in union, which have required further aid at their first institution.

That they have further promoted the great cause of general Education, by keeping up a supply of Masters, duly instructed, to take the management of Schools, and by teaching the System gratuitously to such Masters, as the Managers of Schools throughout the Diocese have sent to the Central School for instruction; and that ten Masters and eight Mistresses have been thus trained during the present year, many of whom are now conducting Schools to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. That they have, moreover, occasionally allowed the head Boys of the Central School to assist in the arrangement of Schools in the Country; and that, convinced of the advantage of this measure, they have retained in their service some of the most deserving Boys, with the view of recommending them as permanent Masters when they are old enough to undertake the charge.

That though the statement they are thus enabled to make, holds out an encouraging prospect of ultimate success; yet the introduction of the System into every part of a Diocese, so extensive as YORK, will necessarily require considerable time, as well as the unwearied exertions of all the Friends to the Institution in their respective neighbourhoods. On the effect of these exertions they rely with confidence; assuring themselves, that they shall have the satisfaction of seeing further accession to their District Societies, and that Schools will generally be established in connection with them, as they are enabled to extend the knowledge of the Plans and Proceedings of the Central Institution. That the Contributions for the current year amount to—

Donations £13. 19s. 6d. *Annual Subscriptions* £239. 2s.

The LEEDS District Society report, that the Children have made considerable progress in their learning, and their proficiency in religious knowledge is very good; and that the Parents in general, from their expressions of gratitude, and their care to enforce the regular attendance of their Children at the School, appear to be impressed with a deep sense of the beneficial tendencies of the Institution. That the Children are all well accommodated at Church. That the Girls are taught sewing and knitting; but that no works of Industry have been introduced into the Boys' School. That the Schools are superintended by Managing Committees, the Members of which attend weekly, in rotation, as Visitors. That no Masters have been trained, nor new Schools erected within the Leeds District, though, in the 20 Parishes, which it contains, abounding in manufactures, and very populous, the number of uneducated Children must be great. That no advantage has been derived from old foundations; that the funds by which the Schools are supported, have encreased and amount to—

Donations £1167. Annual Subscriptions £212.—The Children under Instruction, Boys 280. Girls 120.

The LANGBARGH WEST Society report, that they have completed their School upon a scale capable of accommodating 200 Children; that it has been opened and organized by Mr. Grover, one of the NATIONAL SOCIETY'S training Masters; that the Dean of York, Dr. MARKHAM, is particularly active in promoting its welfare; that the Donations and annual Subscriptions have encreased, the one from £333. to £452., the other from £10. 10s. to £21.; that the number of Children now under instruction, are—

Boys and Girls 110.

The RETFORD District Society report, that their School has been recently opened; that the Children have made as much improvement as can be expected in so short a period; that they are all well accommodated at Church, and that the number of Children at present under instruction, are—

Boys and Girls 95.

They further report the union to their District Society of a School at SUTTON, where advantage has been taken of an old foundation endowed with a house and six acres of land. The additional means raised for its support, and the number of Children under instruction, being—

Annual Subscriptions £40.—Boys and Girls 45.

As also of a School at EVERTON, chiefly supported by the Vicar, and containing under instruction —

Boys and Girls 50.

As also that at WORKSOP a School is repairing, for which a Master is training in the District School.

The BINGLEY Society report, that they are building two School-Rooms which are to be finished at Midsummer: that they have a Master and Mistress under instruction at the Diocesan Central School; and that they hope to obtain good accommodation in the Church for all the Children.

The RIPON School Committee report, that the progress of the Scholars is very satisfactory, and that apparent civilization and good manners have amply repaid the attention already bestowed upon them: that the present School-Room, provided by the kindness of the DEAN, being found much too confined to meet the numerous applications for admission, an enlargement, agreeably to a plan exhibited by Lord GRANTHAM, has been resolved upon, which, when completed, will enable them to extend the benefits of the Institution to 50 Children, in addition to those at present received: that a Subscription was immediately commenced for carrying the plan into effect; and that the number of Children now under instruction, is—

Boys 150.

The SHEFFIELD National School Committee report, that the Schools which they stated in their last year's account to be completed, were opened: the School for Girls in August, and that for Boys in October, 1813: that the sum expended on these buildings amounted to £2600., exceeding by £302. the cost already reported:

that applications for admission were so numerous as immediately to fill both Schools. That the course of instruction practised in the National Central School is closely followed, and that a suitable progress throughout all the classes has been made, of which proof has been exhibited at a public examination, when the Parents of the Children attended, and appropriate admonitions were addressed to both by the Parochial Clergy. That sewing, knitting, and knotting are taught in the Girls School, in which such proficiency has been attained, that the Girls now work for pay, for the benefit of the Institution. That good accommodation at Public Worship is provided for all the Children: for the Girls in the three Churches, in the passages leading to the galleries, the aisles being previously occupied by the Children of the Sunday Schools; and for the Boys, at the Hospital Chapel. That, notwithstanding what has been already done, the benefits of the Madras System might still be very much extended in SHEFFIELD, as from the many daily applications which they are obliged to dismiss, it is evident that there are yet in the town several hundreds, if not thousands of uneducated Children, whose Parents would gladly procure for them the benefits of instruction. To meet this want, there are several Schools on old foundations, and several buildings now used only as Sunday Schools, which might be converted into National Schools at a moderate expence. This desirable object they have much at heart, and hope to accomplish when the heavy balance yet standing against them shall be discharged. In the mean time, they have consolidated the National and the Established Church Sunday School funds, and have become the Managers of these latter excellent Institutions. They further state, that the amount of the fund under their management, and of the Children now under instruction, are—

*Annual Subscriptions, £730. Collections after Sermons, £70.
Rent of Vaults under School, £30. At National School, Boys
504. Girls 532. Charity Schools, 120. Sunday Schools,
Boys and Girls, 900. Exceeding the numbers stated in
last Report, 1256.*

The NOTTINGHAM National School Committee report, that the Children under instruction are all very well accommodated in Church: that the System might be beneficially extended to adjacent Villages if funds could be provided for the purpose; and that the number of Scholars is—

Boys and Girls 220.

From the BEVERLEY and DALTON Societies no report has been received.

LONDON.

THE report of the CENTRAL SCHOOL in Baldwin's Gardens, forms, as usual, a part of the NATIONAL SOCIETY'S Report, and will be found in the front of the present publication.

WESTMINSTER FREE-SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that during the current year, the regulations established for the general government of the School have been duly enforced: that the Liturgy and Catechism of the Church of England have been constantly and duly taught to all the Children without exception; and that the upper classes are thoroughly acquainted with them, with the four Gospels, Osterwald's Abridgment of the Bible, and other Books on the List of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. That they have also been taught reading, writing, and arithmetic according to the course specified in their last annual Statement: that half-yearly examinations have been held, when the Children have been classed according to their individual merit, and rewards distributed to those Children, whose good conduct and proficiency in learning merited

particular distinction. That these expedients have been productive of the best possible effects in impressing the minds of the Children with an honest and earnest desire to excel; and that the religious and moral instruction given to them, besides being highly beneficial to themselves, has produced also a visible improvement in the habits and manners of their Parents, together with a very general wish among the poorer Inhabitants of the Vicinity, to have their Children admitted to the benefit of the Institution.

That needle-work and knitting form a part of the daily instruction in the Girls' School, one-half of the profits being applied to the support of the Institution, and the other divided between the Mistress and the Scholars. That the inspection of the Girls' School by the Ladies, who have undertaken the office of Visitors in rotation, has been particularly useful in the encouragement which the Mistress, the Teachers, and the Children have all derived from their attention and directions: that Dr. BELL's superintendence has with great kindness been frequently afforded, and his approbation expressed at the exemplary manner in which his Plan is carried into execution.

That Divine Service has been performed every Sunday Morning in the School-Room, at which the Children have constantly attended; and that they have been regularly conducted every Afternoon to the Parish Church of St. MARGARET, where after Prayers a Lecture has been read to them adapted to their capacity; and that many of the Parents of the Children, as well as other Persons, have availed themselves of the opportunity, thus afforded them, of attending Public Worship.

That in the admission of Children, the preference has been given to those whose Parents have served His MAJESTY by Land or Sea; and particular care has been taken to prevent the introduction of contagious disorders into the School. That since the last Report, 105 Boys and 108 Girls have been admitted; and 107 of the former and 92 of the latter have gone away. That to such of them as had conducted themselves well, a Bible and Prayer-Book, together with a testimonial of good conduct inscribed in each,

have been given; and that upon all such removals, the Parents have spontaneously attended to return thanks for the benefits which their Children had received from the Institution.

That the great desideratum which they have been incessantly endeavouring to provide, is more spacious accommodation, as they have now 120 Children upon their books, whom they cannot receive for want of room; but that some ground being just become vacant on the west-side of St. MARGARET'S Church-yard, which is at the disposal of the LORDS of His MAJESTY'S TREASURY, they have it in contemplation to present a memorial, praying the grant of a sufficient portion for the benevolent object in view, and have good hopes that their petition will be acceded to; and that thus from their surplus fund, and such further aid as they promise themselves from the benevolent Friends of the Institution, they shall be enabled, at no distant period, to complete it to the full extent of 1000 Children, for which it was originally designed*. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children now under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £600.—Boys 180. Girls 153.

**WHITECHAPEL SOCIETY,
FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR:
INSTITUTED 1813.**

THE Committee report that the Boys received into the temporary School, for the purpose of being trained to become Teachers

* The delay, which circumstances have occasioned in the publication of this Report, enables the General Committee to state the satisfactory information, that so prompt have been the measures of all parties concerned, that what was only under consideration at the period, to which it brings up the account of the NATIONAL SOCIETY'S proceedings, is now fully executed. The same observation applies to the whole Summary. What is therein detailed, extends no further than to the last Anniversary in the beginning of June. Measures are now taking to prevent this delay in future, and it is confidently expected, that the next Report will be published in the month of August at farthest.

er. Monitors when their new building shall be completed, have undergone a public examination, which was attended by Dr. BELL, and that their state of improvement, considering the period of their instruction, furnished an additional proof of the efficacy of the Madras System.

That their permanent Schools are in great forwardness, and that in order to get them finished with all possible despatch, they have pledged themselves to the payment of a Sum far beyond the limit of their finances; but from the general conviction which pervades all ranks, that the good education of the lower orders forms the surest basis of national prosperity, they rely with unabated confidence on the zeal and liberality of their fellow-parishioners and the public at large, for a continuance of that support, which has hitherto led them on their way, and will enable them, under the blessing of Providence, to accomplish what has been so auspiciously begun. That the Donations and Subscriptions which have been disbursed upon the building account, amount to £2573. 1s., that there is yet a deficiency of £1466. 14s.; and that the number of Children now under instruction in the temporary School, is—

Boys 170.

CITY OF LONDON AUXILIARY SCHOOLS:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that since their last statement of proceedings, another School has been opened, at an expence of £600.; besides the rent of £150. per annum. That the progress of the Children in the School first established has been very satisfactory, particularly in religious knowledge, the System having taken their affections, and excited an emulation unfelt under the old method of education; and that in several instances, the Parents have spontaneously waited upon the Committee to express their thankful acknowledgement for the benefits conferred upon their Children—the Christian instruction afforded them, and the improvement of

their ordinary behaviour. That for their accommodation at Public Worship, a gallery has been recently erected at St. Mildred's Church, in the Poultry. That two of the Parochial Clergy of London, and one Lay-member of the Committee, attend as Visitors every week; and that the Lord Bishop of HEREFORD and his Family, during their residence in London, have rendered essential service by their frequent superintendence. That the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children now under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions, £850. Boys 180. Girls 65.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CO-OPERATING SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that they have not yet been able to get possession of the premises which they had taken, and are waiting that event.

BEDFORD FREE SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

No report has been received from the Managers of this School.

ST. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELDS NATIONAL SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1815.

THE Committee report, that after diligent enquiry throughout the Parish for suitable premises, they have at length been so fortunate

nate as to purchase the lease of a very spacious building, in Castle Street, Leicester Fields, particularly well calculated for their projected School: that they are actively employed in making the necessary alterations and repairs, and entertain great hopes of opening it for the reception of Children in a short space of time. That, in doing this, they have incurred an expence far exceeding their present means; but they rely with confidence on the liberality of their fellow-parishioners, for the support of an Institution which promises so much advantage to the Parish in particular, and to the Community at large. That in the mean time, they have framed rules and regulations for the conduct of the School, and that the amount of the fund is—

Donations, £300. 7s. Annual Subscriptions, £153. 8s.

WHITECHAPEL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

THE Rector reports that the School is proceeding as set forth in the last year's account; except that Toy-making has been discontinued, not being found to answer: that the funds, and the number of Children instructed and clothed, remain as before—

From different Sources, total £1040. Boys 100. Girls 100.

GOWER'S WALK FREE-SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1807.

THE Managers make a similar report of the progress of this School, chiefly supported by the Industry of the Children: the numbers under instruction being—

Boys 120. Girls 120.

MILE-END OLD-TOWN SCHOOL.

THE Rector of Stepney reports, that the enlargement of the Boy's School, stated last year, has been followed up by a similar extension of the Girl's School, and that 70 additional Scholars have been received into it. That an accurate knowledge of the Catechism, the Prayers of the Liturgy, the duties and principal doctrines of the Christian Religion, have been attained by the first class, and that the lower classes are making proportionate progress. That works of industry have been very successfully introduced; sixteen of the Boys, in two divisions, one in the morning, and the other in the afternoon, being employed in Shoemaking, in which they are so expert as to have manufactured in the course of the year 1560 pair: that the Children of both sexes are brought on Sundays to Stepney Church. That a beneficial effect has been produced, by distributing the presents of clothes, which before were given indiscriminately, with regard to merit; and that Parents have in several instances been reformed, by the good example of their Children. That the funds contributed to the support of the School, have increased from £255. per annum to £400., and the number of Children under instruction, formerly 30 Boys and 20 Girls, now amount to—

Boys 170. Girls 190.

RATCLIFF CHARITY SCHOOL.

THE Rector of Stepney reports, that the School, which is a foundation of a Century old, has recently been re-modelled, according to the National System, by a Master from the National Central School. That it is proposed immediately to erect

a new School for the Boys, capable of containing 200 Scholars, and to enlarge the Girl's School to a size which will accommodate a proportionate number. That the expence of carrying their plan into execution, is estimated at £500.; and though the Inhabitants of the Hamlet have been heavily pressed by the increase of Rates, occasioned by the late severe Winter, their voluntary Contributions amount to £246. That the funds by which the School is at present supported, and the number of Children, all clothed, which are under instruction, amount to—

Rent and Dividends £90. *Collections* £260. *Boys* 40.
Girls 25.

LIMEHOUSE SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1779.

THE Treasurer reports, that the improvement of the Children is progressive and satisfactory, and that a demeanor more orderly, and more respectful to their superiors, when out of the eye of their Master, and more attentive to the duties of the School when in it, is very observable. That the work of Industry introduced into the Boy's School, (viz. Matmaking), goes on prosperously. That they are all well accommodated in Church. That 20 Children have been added to the Boy's School, since the last report, and that from the number of applications for admission into the Girl's School, which they are obliged very reluctantly to dismiss, they have abundant evidence, that, in that department, the benefits of the Institution might be very greatly extended, could they enlarge the Girl's School to the same dimensions with that newly erected for the Boys; but, that having a debt of £200. to liquidate upon their last building account, and the distresses of a numerous population, in a great degree out of employment, having pressed very hard upon the

more opulent Parishioners, they could not hope to obtain the further sum requisite to the accomplishment of their wishes; and that they must therefore wait till the funds of the National Society will allow its General Committee to make them a further grant of £400., to which, in that case, they would spare no exertions to add a similar contribution, and thus both relieve themselves from present burthens, and complete their important design upon a scale commensurate with the objects of gratuitous education. That the number of Children now under instruction, are—

Boys 220. Girls 120.

HACKNEY CHARITY SCHOOLS:

INSTITUTED 1714.

THE Vicar reports, that by the voluntary contributions of the Inhabitants, at the cost of £4772. 6s. 10d., a piece of freehold ground has been purchased, and a new School-house recently erected, on a largely extended scale, comprising, besides a dwelling for the Master, two School-Rooms, capable of containing 250 Children each. That, by this accommodation, and by the introduction of the National System, the number of Scholars has been more than trebled. That the Children are all making tolerable progress, and that there is a very encouraging prospect of further improvement. That no work of industry has been introduced into the Boy's School, but that there is a School in the Parish specially appropriated to that purpose where Taylor's work is carried on, the Boys belonging to which attend the Parochial School for literary and religious instruction. That the Girls are thoroughly instructed in Needle-work. That the School is under the general management of an open Committee of Subscribers, who meet monthly, at the School-house,

and that the process of education is under the special superintendence of himself and his Curates, who visit the School weekly, or oftener, if occasion requires. That the Children are all well accommodated in the Parish Church. That in addition to the Parochial School, and the School of Industry above specified, there are two other Schools conducted upon the principles of the Church of England, and according to the National System, at the two extremities of the Parish, and in the midst of populous and indigent neighbourhoods, the Children of which attend Divine Service twice every Sunday, at STAMFORD HILL Chapel, and ST. JOHN'S Chapel, respectively; and that by these several Establishments, the benefits of Education are gratuitously dispensed to all who are disposed to receive it. That the funds by which these several Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

CHARITY SCHOOL—*Annual Subscriptions and Collections, £600.*

Boys 250. Girls 100.

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY—*Boys 20. Girls 38.*

STAMFORD HILL SCHOOL—*Children 30.*

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SCHOOL—*Offerings at Sacrament, £45.18s.9d.*

Ann. Subs. £73. Div. £10. Boys 60. Girls 30.

HORNSEY CHARITY SCHOOLS.

THE Treasurer reports, that till the year 1800, a Sunday School was all the provision made in the Parish, for imparting gratuitously to the Poor, the benefits of Religious Education. That the Ladies of Hornsey established in that year a Day School for the Girls, to promote amongst the Poor of their own sex, Religion and Industry, by early impressing their minds with a just sense of the importance of both, to their present and future happiness; and that the fostering care which the

pious founders have bestowed upon their own Institution, has thus been the means of sending out into the world a number of Girls, well qualified, and disposed, to become useful members of Society, many of whom are now in the service of respectable Families. That in the year 1869, the Gentlemen of the Parish came to the resolution of extending to the Boys the advantages of daily instruction; and that no building suitable to their purpose presenting itself, they raised amongst themselves a Subscription, amounting to upwards of £500., and with that erected a new Boy's School. That the Boys are taught to read well, to write a plain hand, and to cipher as far as the four first rules of arithmetic. That they are all instructed in the Church Catechism, and, together with the Girls, attend in the Vestry every Sunday Morning, before Divine Service, where they are catechised and instructed by the Rector and his Curate. That the National System has recently been introduced by a Master from the Central School. That no work of Industry is provided for the Boys, but that every Boy capable of work, is permitted to absent himself during harvest, at the discretion of the Committee. That they are all well accommodated at the Parish Church; and that there is good reason to hope and to believe, that the morals of Parents as well as Children have been greatly improved by the Establishment, the Children being, in general, orderly; and having conducted themselves well after quitting the School, and the Parents having, with few exceptions, complied with the Regulations required on their part to be observed. That their funds and accommodations are adequate to the instruction of all the Children who may apply for admission, the amount of both being—

Annual Subscriptions £199. 8s. 5½d.—*Boys* 40. *Girls* 40.

FULHAM SCHOOL.

THE Rector reports, that the progress of the Children in religious knowledge (to which the attention is chiefly directed, is

very satisfactory: and that it is impossible not to be pleased with the appearance of cheerfulness, intelligence, and civility which pervades the School.

That a trial has been made of the heading of Pins, as a work of Industry for the Children, but it was found not adapted to the circumstances of a School. That information upon this subject is a great desideratum, as the practice of the Poor in removing their Children so very early from School, defeats, in a great measure, the good that has been done; and, as there seems to be no method so effectual for counteracting it, as to enable the Children, by their weekly earnings, to make it the Parent's interest, in a pecuniary point of view, to suffer them to remain under moral and religious discipline, till their habits are confirmed. That the Children of both sexes regularly attend at Church. That the Girls are at present distributed in two Schools; which it is the wish of the Subscribers to consolidate; and for this purpose to build a large School, which may enable them, at the same time, to receive a greater number; and that this purpose will be carried into effect, as soon as a convenient situation can be found. That the Schools are supported by a small Dividend, and by a fluctuating annual Contribution; which, however, has hitherto been always found adequate to the expences; and that the number of Children under instruction, are—

Boys 115. Girls 70.

KENSINGTON SCHOOL.

THE Rector reports, that the School is in as flourishing a state as it can be with the present accommodations: that progressive improvement, in religious and useful learning, is conspicuous in all the classes. That as far as respects the Chil-

dren much good has been done, the beneficial effects of which, it is hoped, will be ultimately visible in the conduct of their Parents. That Tailoring is practised as a work of Industry in the Boys' School; and in the Girls' School knitting and needle-work. That all the Childreu are accommodated, though very inconveniently, at the Parish Church. That the pian of erecting larger School-rooms is by no means abandoned, though the necessary means have not yet been obtained. That the funds are precarious, arising chiefly from annual Subscriptions and Collections; and that the number of Children under instruction, in which a small increase has been made, is—

Boys 130. Girls 100.

CHISWICK CHARITY SCHOOLS.

THE Vicar reports, that the progress of the Children in religious knowledge keeps full pace with their proficiency in the Books recommended by the National Society, as they are not permitted to advance to a new Book, until they are thoroughly and intimately acquainted with the one which they have previously been learning; and that such is the effect of this wholesome regulation, steadily pursued, that a large proportion of Children in both Schools are now reading the New Testament in a manner the most gratifying, with respect to this essential point of National Education. That in other branches of instruction, their attainments have exceeded his most sanguine expectations, and, to persons unacquainted with the admirable mechanism of the National System, appear totally incomprehensible. That the Trustees see with pleasure, as the happy result of their labours, that a manifest alteration for the better, in the infant part of the population of their large Parish, has taken place. That owing to its local situation along the Banks of the River, and to the number of Market Gardens, much is not to be speedily

expected from the Parents; but that the Trustees have succeeded, with very few exceptions, in collecting all the Children of the Poor, between the ages of 6 and 14, who stand in need of education, within the walls of the Schools; and they anticipate the happiest results, in which, as far as present experience goes, they have not been disappointed; and that, through the additional facilities for communicating instruction, afforded by the Madras System, they have been enabled to do this without exceeding their usual call upon the benevolent Contributions of the Inhabitants, though 148 additional Children have been taken under their care. That the Girls are all instructed in knitting and needle-work, and contribute by their earnings to the support of the School: that no work of Industry has been introduced into the Boys' School; but that the object has not been lost sight of by the Trustees, and is intended to be carried shortly into effect, so far, at least, as to have them taught to repair their own Clothes and Shoes. That they are all accommodated in the Parish Church; and that the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

*Dividends £40. Annual Subscriptions £210.—Boys 130:
Girls 80.*

BRENTFORD FREE DAILY SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1806.—EXTENDED 1810.

THE Secretary reports, that the improvement of the Children proceeds as usual. That they are become more cleanly in their persons, and more orderly in their demeanor. That their Parents, in general, exert themselves to clothe them decently, and appear grateful and satisfied. That they are amply accommodated in Church, by seats in the aisles, and round the Altar. That the National System has lately been introduced

into the Parochial Charity School, and that it is in the contemplation of the Trustees of each, to unite both Schools. That an enlargement of the School, and an increase of the funds, which they are not without hopes of effecting in due time, would enable them to extend the benefits of the System to a greater number of the Children of the Parish, who still remain without the means of instruction; and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children at present received, are—

Annual Subscriptions £100. Boys 100.

TWICKENHAM SCHOOL.

THE Trustees report, that the progress made by the Children in their instruction and religious knowledge is so apparent, as to have induced several opulent Tradesmen to solicit admission for their own Children into the School at any price. That the Children are all well accommodated in Church, the old galleries having been enlarged at the expence of the Charity. That besides Book-binding, the making up Copy-books has been adopted as a work of industry for the Boys with the best success: that plain work is taken into the Girl's School, and is a source of profit. That the National System has been adopted, and the benefits of Education thus extended in many of the neighbouring Villages, and that there are many more in which it might be introduced with advantage. That the Schools are supported partly by old Bequests, and partly by Annual Subscriptions, and a Sermon: and that the number of Children, which under the old Plan did not exceed 110, has, without any increase of the Funds, been enlarged to—

Boys 100. Girls 70.

ISLEWORTH SCHOOL.

THE Treasurer reports, that the School, which for many years consisted of 40 Boys, and 30 Girls, having been re-modelled on the National System, above 100 additional Children have been received. That considering this System has only been introduced since Christmas last, the progress of the Children has been rapid, particularly in Religious knowledge; the whole number of Scholars, with the exception of those lately admitted, being perfect in the Church Catechism, and the 50 Seniors thoroughly conversant in part I. of Crossman's Introduction to the Knowledge of the Christian Religion. That they are well accommodated at Church, and have been publicly examined during Divine Service, with the happiest effect. That the beneficial influence of the New System is already visible in the anxiety of the Parents to obtain admission for their Children, in the anxiety of the Children to attend the School; and in the improvement of the Children, and in some instances of the Parents, in general decency of behaviour. That no work of Industry has been introduced into the School, but the Clothing for all the Children of the old foundation is made by the Girls. That besides the Children who attend daily, a small number, whose absence from home could not be altogether dispensed with, are admitted two evenings in the week, and on Sundays. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

*Funded Property, Lands, and Collections after Sermons, £300.
per Annum. Boys 100. Girls 60. Occasional Girls 25.*

ELSTREE SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Rector reports, that the School was opened in November last: that the progress which the Children have made in every branch of instruction has greatly exceeded his expectations, and that many who could scarcely read at their admission, can now not only read and spell with the greatest accuracy, but can repeat their lessons with or without book, with great facility. That he thinks the manners of the Children are visibly improved; has heard several of the Parents speak with great satisfaction of their behaviour at home; and can have no doubt that time will lead to many and extensive benefits. That no work of Industry, except plain work and knitting, has been introduced: that Visitors have been appointed, who occasionally attend. That all the Children regularly attend the Parish Church. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations and Annual Subscriptions £110. Boys and Girls 75,

COUNTY OF ESSEX SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE General Committee report, that at the Central School of the Eastern Division, established at COLCHESTER, as great progress has been made by the Children as could reasonably be expected; and that they are more orderly and tractable

than under the old method of instruction. That considerable service has been rendered to the School by the inspection of a Deputation from the School Committee of the National Society, and by the attendance of the Master for a short time at the National Central School, which have had the effect of giving precision to the mode of instruction, of promoting activity, interest, and emulation in every Class: that a further advantage has redounded to the Establishment, from the celebration of an Anniversary Festival, a measure adopted with the view of affording encouragement to the Children—of procuring an accession to the funds—and of giving notoriety to their proceedings; and which has completely fulfilled their expectations.

That at the Central School of the Western Division, established at CHELMSFORD, the result of the monthly examinations, which are well attended, has been such as to give satisfaction to the Visitors, and to be creditable to the Master and Mistress in their respective departments. That to give a stimulus to the Boys, at the head of the several classes amongst whom it was observed that a want of energy in the execution of their offices prevailed, the expedient practised with much success at the GOWER'S WALK School, has been resorted to, of making a small weekly allowance to the Usher, for the time being, and to the respective Monitors, so long as they should merit, by their exertions, the approbation of the Master and Visitors; one half to be given them immediately, and the other left to accumulate till they quit the School: and that the measure has already been productive of the most salutary effects. That great advantages continue to accrue to the Girl's School from the frequent presence of many Ladies, who kindly persevere in interesting themselves in the welfare of that department, and give great encouragement to the Scholars by a judicious distribution of rewards, from the fund raised by their own Industry, and set apart for that purpose; and that emulation is much promoted, and order and decorum preserved amongst the Children in general by the hope and prospect of this recompence, at the close of the monthly examinations,

That owing partly to the attraction of novelty having ceased to operate, and partly to the establishment of a well regulated Sunday School upon the National System, at the contiguous Parish of GREAT BADDOW, by which, many procure at home the benefits of Education, who were before obliged to seek it at the Central School; the number of Scholars is diminished: but that the attention of the active friends of the Institution is directed to the circumstance, and there is every reason to expect, that, as far as it is occasioned by an indifference on the part of the Poor to advantages so easily obtained, it will be remedied by their influence and recommendation.

That in prosecution of the further objects of the Society—the establishment of National Schools in all the Towns and Villages of the County, where Schools were wanting the introduction of the National System into Schools previously formed—and the connexion of these several establishments by one common bond of union, they have done every thing which the limited means placed at their disposal would allow. That in the Central School at COLCHESTER, five Masters, and in that at CHELMSFORD, one, have been qualified for conducting Schools within the County. That they have granted pecuniary aid towards the building or alteration of Schools—

To WITHAM..... £30.

GOGGESHALL..... 10.

ELMSTEAD..... 5.

have taken upon themselves the charge of printing papers put in circulation by the TENDERING and LEXDEN Deaneries, conveying useful information relative to the institution and conduct of Schools; and have dispensed the Society's bounty in grants of Elementary Books to the Schools at GREAT BADDOW, WEST HANNINGFIELD, GREAT LEIGH, ROCHFORD, and CHIPPING ONGAR, on their first formation.

That convinced of the importance of obtaining periodical

Reports* from all the Schools in union, they have prepared a convenient form, which was transmitted to the Superintendents of these several establishments, and though in some instances the desired return has not been made, they have collected by this expedient abundant proofs of the encreasing influence and extension of the National System, as will be seen by the following statement.

That at the period to which the last annual account brought up the Society's proceedings, there were associated with it only the Central Schools of the eastern and western Division, and 34 others, of which 26 were comprised within the Deanery of TENDRING; and that in these Schools 3129 Children were under instruction. That the Schools in Union and Correspondence with the Society, and conducted nearly or altogether upon the National System, now amount to 96, and the number of Children to upwards of 7000.

That in addition to the School-rooms built at WEEKLY, by the ARCHDEACON of COLCHESTER; at HARWICH, by the CORPORATION; and at WITHAM, by the contribution of the Inhabitants, the two last at the cost of £500. and £350. respec-

*The advantages likely to result from this measure are thus detailed by the Essex Committee—"Independently of its forming the vital principle of the co-operation of the System, the Superintendent who is to furnish a report, will always take care that he shall have something to report, and will be solicitous for the prosperity of a School, the progress of which is to be laid before the Public, and which will, more or less, reflect credit upon himself. He will, therefore, keep the Master to his duty; will enforce the attendance of the Scholars; will watch over the progress and discipline of the School; will take care that approved books only be admitted within its walls, will call the Sub-Committee together as often as occasion may require; will husband the resources of the School; and will be active and diligent in promoting and collecting subscriptions: while, at the same time, the Subscribers themselves will be stimulated in this part of their duty, by a knowledge that their readiness or backwardness in support of the Institution, will certainly be known to the Public.

ively, there have been erected at BOCKING, and at SOUTHMINSTER, through the zealous exertions of Dr. WORDSWORTH and Dr. SCOTT, two spacious and substantial School-rooms, at the respective charges of £400. and £350., the one by the voluntary contributions of the Inhabitants, the other from the Parish Rates. That at FRIERNING a School is building under the superintendence of Dr. MITCHELL, the Rector; and that T. H. RIGBY, Esq. of Mistley Hall, having liberally granted the Inhabitants of MANNINGTREE a piece of ground, they are preparing to erect a School-Room, of large dimensions.

That in several places considerable expence has been incurred, in providing suitable accommodation for the Children at Church, and that the general result collected from all the reports, of the interest thus taken in the Religious Education of the Infant Poor, is, that they are become more diligent and orderly, more happy in themselves, and well-behaved in their intercourse with others: that instead of violating the sanctity of the Sabbath, they are not unfrequently seen reading the Bible to their Parents on Sunday evening, and by the regular and distinct manner in which they join at proper intervals in the service of the Church, and in some places lead the Psalmody, give more life and earnestness to the devotion of the people; and have, in a great degree, superseded that indifferent and inanimate mode of muttering the responses too frequently to be met with in our village Churches.

That in prosecution of the important measure of giving increased efficiency to old Foundations and Schools previously established, by the introduction of the National System, the Foundation Charity Schools at BOCKING*, BURNHAM, and RETTENDEN have been re-modelled, after the example of COLCHESTER and DUNMOW, with the consent of their respective Trustees, and under

*The Report transmitted by the DEAN of the revival and re-arrangement of this School under his judicious directions, is so important both in its detail and consequences, that the General Committee anticipate the thanks

the superintendence of the Clergy of those several Parishes; and that at BURNHAM and RETTENDEN double the number of Children, and at BOCKING four times the number, have

of all the zealous Promoters of National Education for printing it entire. It is as follows.

"Deanery, Bocking, Feb. 5, 1814.

"DEAR SIR,

Bishop GAUDEN, formerly Dean of BOCKING, gave, in his life-time, the sum of £400., of which he directed £100. to be laid out in the purchase of a house, for a School-house and habitation of a Master, to teach Poor Children of the Parish of BOCKING, to read English and to write; and the remaining £300. to be expended in the purchase of lands, for the maintenance of the Master, and for the further support and benefit of the School. About the year 1675, the required purchases were effected, and a Master appointed; and, in the following year, a settlement was made, in which, in consideration of a yearly stipend therein specified, (£16.) the Master was required 'to teach thirty Poor Boys to read English 'and to write.' Upon this footing the School appears to have been conducted, from the date above-mentioned, (1675.)

"But, in the year 1810, it having appeared to the Rev. CHR. WORDSWORTH, D. D. Dean of BOCKING, the Rev. JOHN BARLOW SEALE, D. D. Rector of STISTED, and the Rev. BERNARD SCALF, M. A. Vicar of BRAIN TREE, *ex-officio* Visitors and Governors of the said School, that the limitation of the privilege of admission to thirty Boys had no existence in the mind and intent of Bishop GAUDEN, the founder of this Charity, as declared by him in his life-time; and it being thought by them very desirable, that the opportunity of receiving useful instruction and a Religious Education should be extended to many more Poor Children standing in great need of the same, they unanimously resolved and directed, that the limitation above-mentioned should thenceforth be superceded and done away.

"Hereupon, the old School-room being very inconvenient, confined in its dimensions, and in very bad repair, Benefactions and Annual Subscriptions were solicited for the erection of a new School-room for Boys, and for the farther improvement of that Establishment; and for the instituting and supporting a new Free-School for Girls.

"About the same time, the lands belonging to the Boys School were let to a new Tenant, at an advance of rent from £300 to £375. 10s. per annum.

thus been made partakers of the Founders' bounty. That at RAMSEY there is an endowment which the Trustees intend to apply to the support of the National School upon the decease of the present Master, who is far advanced in years. That at

"The Boy's School, a handsome substantial brick building, covered with blue slate, measuring 45 feet by 22 feet in the clear, and erected by voluntary Contributions, at an expence of more than £400., was opened November 18, 1811.

"The Boys' Schools consist of a Weekly School, containing 110 scholars; and of an additional Sunday School for those who are unable to attend on the week days, and especially for the reception of those who have already passed through the Daily School; together with an Evening School, two evenings in the week, for the further accommodation of the Sunday Scholars, and such other young persons as may have leisure and inclination to attend. For, from the early age at which the labour of children is now wanted, as profitable to their parents, there is much reason to fear that the benefits obtained in the Weekly Schools will be in a considerable degree lost, and barbarism again superinduced, in the interval between childhood and manhood, unless some regular opportunities can be secured for the exercise of their literary attainments, and for keeping up the good habits of subjection, discipline, civility, and good morals, which are inculcated and ordinarily gained, to a very gratifying degree, in the National Schools. In this point of view, Sunday Schools are of especial importance. And, with a view of carrying the system to a still further degree of perfection, the Evening School has been opened in this parish. The number of boys in the Sunday and Evening School, at present, amounts to 15.

"The *Girls' School*, which was opened October 26, 1812, is kept in a commodious room at the work-house; the use of which is granted rent free by the parish.

"This School, like that for boys, consists of a Day and Sunday School, of 70 children; and of an additional Sunday School of 40.

"In the Girls' School, great advantage has been found to arise from the occasional superintendence of the Ladies of the Parish; ten of whom have undertaken to attend by rotation, in the capacity of Weekly Visitors.

"The Instruction in both the Schools is wholly gratuitous. The books, slates, copybooks, and every other article of expense, being defrayed at the charge of the establishment. The regular expenses, however, it is found, will (if the schools be well conducted) be far from considerable; exclusively of the salaries of the master and mistress.

"It has not been considered any part of the system of these schools to give clothing to any of the children. It has been found, that the desire for instruc-

COGGESHALL also there is a Foundation School for Boys, which at present is almost useless, but would form an admirable basis for a National School, provided means could be taken for the appointment of a proper Master when the post becomes vacant; and that the measure is the more necessary, as **COGGESHALL** is populous, and greatly burthened with Poor, and contains few Members of the Church of England of sufficient substance to give, in this particular, the effect they wish to their benevolent intentions. That at **WOODFORD**, where considerable exertions have been made, and a Boys' School esta-

tion, both on the part of parents and children themselves, is very great; and the numbers were unimpaired, or rather increasing gradually, without any such inducement. But, in the course of the last summer, (by a separate private subscription, principally among the Ladies of the Parish,) the girls have been supplied with a white calico cap and tippet; and, for the winter season, with a woollen cloak.

"The present master of the Boys' School is Mr. Thomas Carter, who entered upon his office November 9, 1812; after receiving a training for about six weeks at the Boys' School of the National Society, Baldwin's Garden's, Gray's Inn Lane, London; and the present mistress is Mrs. Amelia Davie; who, in like manner, was instructed, for about the same period, at the Girls' School at the same place. The system of education, therefore, is closely conformed to the National System as practised there.

"In every respect, the improvement of the children, since the establishment of these schools, has been found to equal the warmest expectations of the friends of this Institution. And the cheerfulness and comfort which they now experience, and with which they will have to look back on the days of their childhood and education, is one not among the least of many gratifying circumstances which cannot fail to present themselves to the minds of persons who are conversant with schools well conducted on the Madras System. It is not to be doubted, but that such an establishment is one of the greatest political and spiritual blessings which can be imparted to any parish.

"In addition to what has been already reported, it must be added, that a debt remaining on the concern, in consequence of the erection of the Boys' School, the fitting up of that for girls, and other considerable extraordinary charges, a collection was made, after a sermon preached Tuesday, August 3, 1813, amounting to $\text{£}67. 10s. 6d.$ by which liberal supply, the incumbrance was discharged."

blished, as will be seen in the Table of Schools which follows, there is a School for 20 Girls, founded by 20 Ladies, who liberally raise amongst themselves 60 Guineas annually for its support, which, by means of the economy and facilities of the National System, might be extended to three times its present number, and might thus communicate the blessings of religious education to many now entirely destitute of that benefit, and whose Parents are most solicitous that they should receive it; and they are disposed to believe, that in many other parts of the County many Schools capable of similar improvement and extension might be found.

That the exertions of the Society have been duly appreciated by the Gentlemen of the County, whose additional Contributions have this year encreased the County Fund upwards of £30.; and that in several instances, the respectable and intelligent Yeomanry of the County, particularly Mr. KETCHER, and some others of the Parishioners of SOUTHMINSTER, and several of the Farmers in the Deanery of TENDERING, have taken a very lively interest in the promotion of the System; and have done all in their power towards its establishment among themselves.

That in this latter District, the hope entertained by the Society of affording to every poor Man's Child a moral and religious education in the Principles of the Established Church has been nearly realized; since, from a census taken in 1812, at the commencement of their labours, it was ascertained, that the number of uneducated Children in the Deanery was about 2,200, and there are now 2,022 in the different National Schools. That this has been effected *in two years only*; and as the Deanery does not possess any peculiar advantages from the residence of Gentlemen of extensive property and influence, but is peopled chiefly with agricultural inhabitants, by whose prompt and liberal co-operation with the Clergy the successful issue has been attained, it furnishes an example which every District in the Kingdom

has within itself the ability to imitate; and it exemplifies the quick return of gratification which a few zealous and persevering individuals may confidently promise themselves, if they engage heartily and systematically in the design.

That as the expence of supporting National Schools is sometimes greatly over-rated, to the discouragement of persons disposed to promote them in their own Neighbourhood, it may be useful to state, that the average cost of education in the TENDERING Deanery is 7s. 5d. for each Child; and as the portions of time allotted to instruction in different Schools vary with the circumstances of the place, (being limited in some instances to the Sunday, in others to two evenings or two days in addition to the Sunday, and in others extended to the whole week,) the expences vary in a similar proportion, amounting at the Village of TENDERING, where the School is opened only on Sundays, to 3s. 4d. for each Child, and at HARWICH, where the Children are taught every day*, to 10s.

That according to the concurrent testimony of the Reports sent in, the chief impediment to the extension of the National System in the County of Essex, is the want of School-rooms, and the impossibility of raising the means to defray the charges

* The following Report of two Schools at HADSTOCK, transmitted by the Rev. J A CARR, the Rector, to the Committee of the Eastern Division, and printed by their order, shews, by an experience of many years, at how trifling a cost of money and trouble, an incalculable good is done. The GENERAL COMMITTEE of the NATIONAL SOCIETY are induced to republish it, from the same motive which actuated the Essex Committee to put it originally in circulation,—that the principal Inhabitants, and particularly the Clergymen of Country Parishes, may be put in possession, not of a speculative, but of a long-practised method, adapted even to the most limited and most indigent population, by which children may at once receive the benefits of a religious education, and be enured to habits of useful employment; and, so far from being chargeable, by partaking of those benefits, may be made, by the very institution from which they receive them, contributors towards their own

of erection; but that this difficulty is not insurmountable, as they hope to prove, by actual experiment, in their next report.

maintenance and their own clothing, and thus towards the reduction of the parochial burthens.

“Report.”—There are two Schools at HADSTOCK; A Sunday School, and a Weekly School of Industry. I established the Sunday School, January, 1787. It contains, upon an average, 40 children; the number of girls, on the whole, rather exceeding that of the boys. I have constantly attended it myself; assisted, for some years only, by the clerk, at 1s. a Sunday; and since the year 1794, by a mistress, at 4d. and her dinner. The annual expense may be averaged at from 5l. to 6l. defrayed principally by the founder. Mrs. CARR and one of my family now always assist. The children are catechised, and have each a Testament and Psalter; which, in due time, are exchanged for a Bible and Prayer-book.

“In 1800, I built a School-room in the church-yard, and opened a daily School of Industry, which contains, upon an average, about 40 children, from 5 to 12, who are instructed in spinning, knitting, sewing, and reading, by two mistresses, under the inspection of Mrs. CARR. I wished the school to do something more than support itself, without any subscription, by the earnings of the children; and it has fully answered my expectation. The annexed account of one year, with a few remarks, will explain the nature of the Institution. The school contains, at present, 26 girls and 11 boys. On Sundays, about 70 children are instructed; 47 girls and 23 boys. The parish contains 320 souls.

“Remarks.”—The subscriptions amount to 10l. 5s. of which, 5l. is given by the Lord of the Manor, who resides at a distance. Out of this, all the children are clothed annually, on Whit-Sunday: the expense last year 6l. 12s. 2d. The whole of the children's earnings for spinning is given to their parents: the average about 15l. deducting only 2d. per week for children above 8 years old. Now, if they were to spin at home, (which they would not do,) the said 2d. would not pay for reeling their work.

“The materials of which the articles specified are made, are little more than snippings, which Mrs. CARR's friends very kindly supply. Materiam desperabat opus; i. e. the whole is patch-work. It is an object to increase the number of seams.

“The village supplies a ready market for almost all the work, which is sold cheap, and is found to be very serviceable.

“We use the Bible, Testament, Common-Prayer, Collects, Catechism, Mrs. Trimmer's First and Second Books, and Watts's Divine Songs, from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

That the following Table exhibits, as far as the Committee have been able to ascertain it, the progressive state of National Education throughout the County; the number of Schools in

*"Hadstock School of Industry and Sunday School—from
June 14, 1812, to June 14, 1813.*

RECEIVED.	L. S. D.	EXPENDED.	L. S. D.
Syd. Malthus, Esq. 5 <i>l</i>	7 2 0	Two Mistresses, 43 Weeks, at } 3 <i>s</i> . each	12 18 0
J. A. C. 2 <i>l</i> . 2 <i>s</i>	3 3 0	Cleaning School, &c.	1 1 6
Miss Keene, 1 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> R. Pierson, Esq. 2 <i>l</i> . 2 <i>s</i>	13 8 3	Rewards.	1 10 0
134 <i>lb</i> . Wool, spun by the chil- dren.	2 10 0	Forty-two Yards Gingham, at } 2 <i>d</i> . per yard	3 13 4
Of the Children above 8 Years, at 2 <i>d</i> . a-week	1 10 0	Nineteen Yards Fustian, at 1 <i>s</i> . } per Yard	1 8 0
Spun by the Mistress in the School	0 15 0	Thirty-two Tippets, at 3 <i>d</i> . each . .	0 8 0
Articles sold at the Fair, given by Friends	0 6 0	Gingham and Pasteboard for } 32 Bonnets.	0 10 10
Rags and Orts	1 5 0	Thirty-two Frocks making . . .	0 16 0
Ten Cradle Quilts, at 2 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . . .	0 11 4	William Collett and Susan Mole, } teaching sundry Scholars . . .	3 9 4
Sixty-eight Baby Shirts, at 2 <i>d</i> . .	0 10 0	Children's Earnings, paid to } their Parents.	13 8 3
Twelve Boys' ditto, at 6 <i>d</i> .—6 <i>s</i> . } Eight Girls' ditto, at 6 <i>d</i> .—4 <i>s</i> . }	1 6 2	Tape, Thread, &c.	1 13 0
Sixty-two Baby Caps, at 4 <i>d</i> .— 1 <i>l</i> . 0 <i>s</i> 8 <i>d</i> . 11 ditto, at 6 <i>d</i> .— 5 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i>	0 17 0	Coals, 1 <i>l</i> . 5 <i>s</i> .—Books, 5 <i>s</i>	1 10 0
Twenty-four Girls' Caps, at 6 <i>d</i> . 12 <i>s</i> . 30 Night-Caps, at 2 <i>d</i> 5 <i>s</i>	0 18 0		
Sixteen Girls' Neckchiefs, at 6 <i>d</i> .—9 <i>s</i> . Thirty Pockets, at 4 <i>d</i> .—10 <i>s</i>	0 17 0		
Twelve quilted Bonnets—12 <i>s</i> 10 Waistcoats, at 6 <i>d</i> .—5 <i>s</i> . . .	1 1 0		
Twelve Dabs, 6 <i>d</i> each,—6 <i>s</i> . } 60 coloured Tippets, 3 <i>d</i> . } each, 15 <i>s</i>	1 2 0		
Forty white Tippets, 3 <i>d</i> each, 10 <i>s</i> . Sixteen pair of Children's Stockings, 12 <i>s</i>	0 2 0		
Four Work-Bags	1 11 0		
Work done for Mrs. Carr	1 7 8		
Balance in Hand	2 3 10		
To Balance paid by J. A. Carr . .			
£49 6 3		£42 6 3	

"J. A. CARR, Rector."

Union and Correspondence with the Society, together with the amount of the Children in each, and of their respective resources.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ESSEX.

BARKING DEANERY.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys & Girls.	Funds.
Woodford	Daily	99	{ Subscriptions 106 <i>l</i> . Coll. at Sermon. 30 <i>l</i> .

BARSTABLE DEANERY.

Horndon-on-the Hill	Saturdays } & Sund. }	26	Increasing.
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Rev. Mr. WILKINSON reports, that Masters and Rooms are great obstacles in this Deanery, the Neighbourhood being ready to grant reasonable assistance.

CHELMSFORD DEANERY.

Chelmsford Central School ..	...	60	117	..	{ Transfer from General Fund 100 <i>l</i> . Subs. 137 <i>l</i> . 9 <i>s</i> . 9 <i>d</i> .
Baddow, Great	Sunday ..	..	..	60	
Frierning	Building erecting.				Master applied for.
West Hanninfield	Sunday ..	..	..	30	
Leighs, Great.	School just formed.				
Leighs, Little..	Sunday ..	..	..	20	
Margaretting ..	Ditto .....	..	..	45	
Rettenden	Daily .....	..	..	40	Endowment 26 <i>l</i> .

ONGAR DEANERY.

Ongar	Sunday ..	..	..	122	Endow. 31 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> .
Greensted	} attend at Ongar.				
Shelly					
Stamford Rivers					

ROCHFORD DEANERY.

Rochford	Daily .....	..	..	116	145 <i>l</i> . 12 <i>s</i> . 10 <i>d</i> .
Althorne	Ditto .....	..	..	2	attendatSouthminster.
Burnham	Ditto	40	37	..	
Ditto	Sunday ..	..	..	90	{ 82 <i>l</i> . School for Girls much wanted.
Cricksea	Daily .....	..	..	2	attendatSouthminster.
Canewdon	Sunday ..	..	..	38	19 <i>l</i> . 19 <i>s</i> .

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys & Girls.	Funds.
Rayleigh	Daily	61	..	..	{ Endow. 7l. 10s. Girls Sch. in contemplat.
Ditto	Sunday ..	..	..	10	
Southminster ..	Daily .....	..	..	90	{ Donations 60l. Parish 8l. Subscript. 19l. 14s.
Ditto	Sunday ..	..	..	14	
Steeple	Daily .....	..	..	10	attendant Southminstr. 126l. 14s. 3d.
Wakering, Gt.	Ditto .....	..	..	79	

ARCHDEACONRY OF COLCHESTER.

COLCHESTER DEANERY.

Colchester Cen- tral School..	{	Daily	201	130	..	167l.
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LEXDEN DEANERY.

Coggeshall	Daily	157	126	..	{ Subscriptions 40l. Earnings 15l. Collections .. 20l.
Laver Marney	Sunday ..	..	..	32
Wivenhoe	Ditto .....	..	..	104

NEWPORT DEANERY.

Berden	Sunday ..	..	..	30
Littlebury	Ditto .....	..	..	43
Wendon	Ditto .....	..	..	42

SAMFORD DEANERY.

Bumstead Helion	Supday ..	..	..	80	9l. 12s.
Chesterford, Gt.	Daily .....	..	..	23	{ 24l. Endowed, but not specified.
Ditto	Sunday ..	..	..	60	
Hadstock	Daily	11	26	..	
Ditto	Sunday ..	12	21	..	
Hempsted	Ditto .....	..	..	105	10l. 10s.
Henham	Daily .....	..	..	35	
Ditto	Supday ..	..	..	40	35l.
Manewden	Ditto .....	..	..	49	
Radwinter	Ditto .....	..	..	136	18l.
Samford, Great	Ditto .....	..	..	77	
Stansted	Ditto .....	..	..	100	
Takely					
Ugley	Sunday ..	..	..	30	13l. 6s.

TENDERING DEANERY.

	Boys and Girls.
Ardeigh	91
Arlesford	40
Bradfield	92
Brightlinsea	110
Beaumont	58
Bentley, Great	66
Bentley, Little	20
Bromley, Great	54
Bromley, Little	114
Clacton, Great	90
Clacton, Little	69
Dovercourt and Harwich	220
Elmsted	56
Frating	8
Holland, Great	45
Holland, Little, united to Clacton	
Kirby	64
Lawford	31
Manningtree	30
Mistley	39
Oakley, Great	87
Oakley, Little	14
Ramsey	49
St. Osyth	115
Thorington	16
Tendering	86
Thorpe	119
Wix	50
Walton, a small Parish : will soon have a School,	
Weeley	89
Wrabness, a small Parish : no School.	

Funds of this Deanery750*l*.

Instructed daily	Children	364
Ditto part of the Week		750
Ditto Sunday		958

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WITHAM DEANERY.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys & Girls.	Funds.
Witham	Daily	76	68	..	{ Donats. 244 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> Ann. Subs. 73 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i>

ARCHDEACONRY OF MIDDLESEX.**DUNMOW DEANERY.**

Dunmow .....	{	.....	..	..	333	{ Including Takely, in Samford Deany.
Much Easton ..	}					

HEDINGHAM DEANERY.

Belchamp Otten	{					
Belchamp Paul's	{	Sunday ..	..	..	153	
Belchamp Walter	}					
Bocking		Daily	110	70	..	{ Endowment 57 <i>l.</i>
Ditto		Sunday ..	15	40	..	{ Ann. Subs. 72 <i>l.</i> 4 <i>s.</i>
Borley		Da. & Sund.	..	..	26	
Braintree		Ditto	65	140		
Bulmer		Sunday ..	..	..	26	
Burbrook		Da. & Sund.	..	..	37	
Felstead .....		.....	..	..	130	
Finchington ..		.. ..	..	..	167	
Foxearth .....		.....	..	..	53	
Gestingthorpe ..		.....	..	..	80	
Gosfield .....		.....	..	..	110	
Halsted .....		.....	..	..	157	
Hedingham ....		.....	..	..	80	
Lamarsh .....		.....	..	..	30	
Maplested ....		.....	..	..	103	
Ovington .....		.....	..	..	20	
Panfield .....		.....	..	..	20	{ Subs. 3 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> def. supplied by Rect.
Pentlow .....		.....	..	..	42	
Rayne .....		.....	..	..	17	18 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i>
Shalford .....		.....	..	..	50	
Stamborne .....		.....	..	..	50	
Tilbury .....		.....	..	..	34	
Toppesfield ....		.....	..	..	112	
Wethersfield ..		.....	..	..	20	
Yeldham, Great	{	.....	..	..	78	
Yeldham, Little	}					

DURHAM
DIOCESAN SOCIETY,
FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

INSTITUTED 1811,

THE Committee report, that in pursuance of the important subjects for which the Society was formed, they have continued to promote the formation, and contribute to the improvement, of Parochial Schools throughout the Diocese, upon the Principles of the National Society: affording them assistance by training of Masters, by the Donation or Sale, at reduced prices, of School-Books, or by pecuniary aid, according to their respective exigencies, and as their own resources would allow.

That the MORPETH Sunday School, established in 1787, and supported by the voluntary Contributions of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood, has been united with the Society; and that through its recommendation the Master has been received into the Barrington School, to be instructed in the National System. That the number of Children under instruction are—

Boys and Girls 120.

That at HEIGHINGTON the Trustees of an endowed School, which was become ruinous and neglected, having re-built the Room by Subscription, have received a Master from the Barrington School; and have further been assisted with a Donation of Books: and that the number of Children under instruction are—

Boys and Girls 60.

That to the School at BERNARD CASTLE a grant of Money has been made towards the erection of a new School-Room,

which is now completed; and to WASHINGTON a Donation of Books, as well as pecuniary assistance, a Sunday School having been established there, and a Room granted by the Rector having been fitted up for the purpose.

That the Schools at PITTINGTON, GREENSIDE, AYCLIFFE, HORTON, COWPEN, and HEDDON-ON-THE WALL, have also partaken of the Society's bounty in Donations of Books; and that pecuniary aid has also been granted to the Schools at LONG NEWTON, AYCLIFFE, and HAUGHTON.

That the reports, transmitted to the Society from the different Schools in Union, are in general highly satisfactory.

That at DARLINGTON it is in contemplation to engage a commodious School-Room for the Children, who have hitherto met for the purpose of instruction, in a vacant space in the Church; and that, when this accommodation is obtained, the number of Scholars will be considerably encreased.

That at GREENSIDE and BLAYDON, in the Parish of RYTON, new Schools have been opened, a new School Room having been built at the former place; and that the number of Children under instruction are—

At GREENSIDE *Boys and Girls*.. 84

At BLAYDON *Ditto*.....120

That in the Parish of RYTON there are 9 other Schools, in most of which the National System of Education is partially adopted, and becoming care taken of the religious instruction of the Children; and their numbers, taken collectively, are—

Boys and Girls 650.

That at BISHOP'S WEARMOUTH, the School*, which is calculated to contain 400 Children, has had a large augmentation in its number of Scholars; and that evident improve-

* An error has been pointed out to the General Committee in the Statement in their last Annual Report, of the circumstances attending the erection

ment has taken place in their general conduct; and that besides the Daily School, there are Sunday Schools in the town, which are ably conducted and well attended.

That at HARTLEPOOL there are two Day Schools, the larger of them endowed for 30 Boys, and a Sunday School, all conducted upon the National System. That the Children of the endowed School attend regularly, and make creditable progress; but that the confined dimensions, after every means the Master can devise to obviate the difficulty, is insufficient for the admission of those who are solicitous to obtain instruction: the number of Children received being at this School—

Boys and Girls 100.

At the Sunday School—

Boys and Girls 130.

That the School at GATESHEAD, which was opened in 1810, for the education of the Children of the Poor on the National System, is in the best order. That the School-Room, 80 feet by 40 in dimension, having been found capable of accommodating a greater number of Children, a Mistress has been engaged to teach the Girls knitting and needle-work; and that the assiduity and attention of the Ladies, who have voluntarily performed the office of Visitors, has insured success to this new branch of the Institution, and has rendered it productive of considerable advantage both to the Children and to the Funds. That the number of Boys and Girls under instruction varies

From 250 to 300.

of this School-Room. The Grant of £50. from the DURHAM Society did not give the first impulse to the undertaking, but afforded the necessary aid to its completion. The School was established by Dr. GREY, the Rector, together with one at SUNDERLAND, with the assistance of Dr. BELL, in 1808; and he raised in the Parish and amongst his Friends £400., and from this Fund commenced the building. His means falling short by £100., occasioned his application to the DURHAM Society for that assistance which was so liberally afforded.

That at the Village of USWORTH, a new School, calculated to contain 200 Children, has been built and endowed by Mrs. PEARITH, of Usworth House, for the purposes of education according to the National System.

That at STOCKTON the foundation School, which, previously to 1809, consisted of not more than 87 Scholars, and was the only means of gratuitous instruction afforded to the numerous Poor in that town, has, by the meritorious exertions of the Trustees, been made the basis of an Establishment upon a greatly extended scale. That the two old School Rooms have been thrown into one, and a new School-Room added by Subscription; that a Day School has been connected with the Foundation School; that both are conducted under one roof on the National System; and in order to encourage exertion, the vacancies on the Foundation are uniformly supplied by the most deserving Children from the Day School. That this arrangement, which is recommended to the consideration of every one who is anxious to provide most effectually for the general education of the lower Classes in populous Towns, has produced an encreasing earnestness in the Poor of STOCKTON to have their Children instructed; has greatly promoted regularity of attendance, and will have, it is hoped, the further good effect of bestowing a new value on the dress of the Foundation as a badge of merit, and a public certificate of good behaviour. That in consequence of these measures, nearly 200 additional Children have been received into the School, that a further enlargement is intended in the Boys' department; and that the number of Scholars was, by the last half yearly report—

Boys and Girls 230.

That at the Barrington School, at BISHOP AUKLAND, built and endowed by the Lord BISHOP of DURHAM, and embracing the double object of affording gratuitous education to all the Poor Children of the Town and Neighbourhood, and of maintaining and educating young Men, to be qualified as Teachers on the National System of instruction, the great

public benefit contemplated by the munificent Founder has been realized to its fullest extent, as, besides the education of 140 Children, 25 young Men have been trained as Masters, at a period when the demands for Persons to undertake the management of National Schools has become most urgent in all parts of the Kingdom; and when, in the Northern Counties, the benevolent promoters of education could look for a supply to no other source. That the National Schools of CARLISLE, COLE ORTON, DUDLEY, EXETER, GATESHEAD, GAINSBOROUGH, HALIFAX, LEEDS, MANCHESTER, MACCLESFIELD, SHEFFIELD, WAKEFIELD, WINCHESTER, and YORK, were all first organized by the Pupils of this Institution, some of whom have been permanently fixed in the charge of the important Schools of CHASTER, EXETER, LEEDS, RIPON, and SHEFFIELD; and that the Barrington School has thus been instrumental in bringing under the beneficial influence of National Education, upwards of 8,000 Children.

That in the Diocese there is a variety of other Schools conducted on the same Principles, and either in Union or Correspondence, with this Society. That accounts of some of these are contained in the last Report; but that the enumeration still very inadequately represents the advanced state of National Education in the Diocese, a defect which the next Statement transmitted shall amply supply.

WINCHESTER
HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY;
INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, with reference to the first part of the trust reposed in them—the superintendence of the Com-

tral School—that besides the exhibition made of the proficiency of the Children, on the Anniversary of the Institution, in the presence of the EARL of MALMSBURY, Lord Lieutenant of the County, the MAYOR and CORPORATION, and a large assemblage of distinguished Personages, a more attentive and minute examination took place, during the Autumn, on three succeeding days; on the two former of which, many of the principal Families of the Town and Neighbourhood honoured the School with their attendance, the last being reserved for the Parents, to afford them an opportunity of appreciating the benefits which their Children received; and that on both these occasions the exemplification of the whole System, and the accurate and regular progress of the respective Classes, as also the simple and unaffected manner in which some plain Psalm tunes were sung; and the solemnity with which the devotions were performed, excited the warmest expressions of commendation, and carried the fullest conviction to every heart, that the National System is greatly superior to every other method of teaching, in effecting, for the lower orders, all the most important purposes of education. That the beneficial influence of the moral and religious principles thus inculcated into the Childrens minds, is conspicuous in their whole deportment, particularly in propriety of conduct at Church, cleanliness of person, and decency of language and behaviour.

That the work of Industry, viz. knitting stockings, which was introduced into the Boys' School, has been discontinued, but might be revived with success. That in the Girls' School, owing, in a great measure, to the attention of the Ladies, which is as exemplary as it is indefatigable, needlework is carried to great perfection; the plan, upon which it is conducted, having been particularly approved of by many competent judges. That the Children are all well accommodated with the means of attending Public Worship at ST. THOMAS'S and ST. MICHAEL'S Churches; and that making absences on a Sunday, no less than on other days, a special

head of enquiry for the Weekly Visitors, and by the incentive of a special reward, every half year, to such Children as have not missed a single Sunday without a satisfactory reason, very great regularity, in this essential point, has been attained.

That with a view of retaining a few of the best Children as Monitors, and qualifying them for the conducting of National Schools, they have adopted the plan of allowing clothes and a weekly payment of 2s. 6d. and 2s. respectively, to four Boys and two Girls, whose Parents shall indent for their remaining in the School, for the space of three years, if required; one shilling to be paid to the Parents of the Child towards his support, and the remainder to accumulate, and to be paid to himself either on his appointment to a Mastership, or to assist in apprenticing him to any trade.

That with the view of cherishing the good principles early inculcated, they have resolved to grant *certificates of merit* to Boys and Girls leaving School, either to be apprenticed out, or to go into the service of any family; and to request their Employers to report, once in every year, upon their conduct, particularly with regard to honesty, diligence, respectful behaviour, and the *observance of the Sabbath day*; upon which, if it be favourable, a Book, increasing annually in value as their continuance in the same service is extended, shall be presented to them; that a register of their characters be kept; and that upon the conclusion of their apprenticeship, should they have been thus disposed of, it be an object to inquire, if the Committee can in any way forward their views in life, by recommendation, encouragement, and assistance; particularly, if they seek employment out of WINCHESTER, that a Certificate be given them, recommending them to notice, and stating the special means and opportunities the Committee have had of judging of their character. That these enquiries take place, and the Certificates be granted, in the case of all Children leaving the School after 11 years of age, except they be removed to another School; but that the special rewards do not commence till the age of 14.

Turning to the other department of their concerns the Committee report, that nine new Schools have been united to the Diocesan Society during the present year: that, within the same period, six School-Rooms have been built, and an additional number of Children, to the amount of nearly 700, brought under the beneficial influence of National Education; and that, from the reports which they have received, the good work of training up the Poor in the sound doctrines of the Church of England, is progressively advancing.

That, in furtherance of this great National object, they have furnished Schools in Union with Elementary Books gratuitously to a very considerable amount, which, in future, it is their intention to particularize: that they have also made Donations, for different purposes, to several Schools, to the amount of £46. 16s.; and that they have trained, at the Central School, 22 Masters and 15 Mistresses, who have been sent out, perfect in the System, to conduct Schools in different parts of the Diocese, each having been presented with a Copy of Dr. BELL's Instructions; and having further stood chargeable to the Society in part of their expences, whilst resident in WINCHESTER, to the amount of £32. 2s.; and that besides this, 16 Monitors have been sent out, at the Society's expence, to assist in the organizing of Schools; respecting whose conduct and services they have received the highest testimonials.

That the General Visitor has completed his second *annual inspection* of the Schools in Union, and has made so gratifying a representation, of the anxiety of their respective Masters and Superintendants, that the Children under their care should do justice both to themselves and to the excellence of the System; of the full attendance which, with scarcely any exception, has been given at the examinations; and of the eagerness with which the Reward Books, entrusted to his distribution, have been sought for by the Children; and of the thankfulness with which they have been received, that they cannot but consider the creation of this office as likely to promote, very essentially, the designs of the Society; and as a measure which

cannot be too generally adopted. That the progress of the Children generally, in Religious Knowledge, throughout all the Schools is great, but most conspicuous where the System is most accurately followed, and the Visitors are attentive to this point; and that beneficial moral effect is every where observable. That Visitors are in most places appointed; and that experience proves how very important an appendage they are to the System, in securing the regular attendance of the Children, and enforcing the discipline of the Schools. That in the Country Villages the Children are all accommodated without difficulty, at Church; and that in the towns this great object is effected, though not with the same convenience: that in most of the larger towns in HAMPSHIRE National Schools are now established; and that in the Country Villages, throughout the County, where this is not the case, something has still been done, since the institution of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, towards providing for the education of the Poor. That, in some few instances of old foundations, where no improvement has taken place, an indisposition to remove or interfere with the present Masters and Mistresses is to be assigned as the cause; that into all of these, therefore, the gradual introduction of the New System may be expected, to facilitate which, as a general measure, an enquiry into the nature and management of all the old endowments, would be of considerable utility. That the funds by which, as well the Central School as the several Schools in Union, are supported, and the number of Children under instruction in each, are as specified in the following enumeration:—

No. of Schools.	Place.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Whether Da. Eve. or Sund. School.	Annual Subs. £. s. d.
* 2	{ WINCHESTER CEN- TRAL Schools .. }	124	172	{ Sunday, Eve. and Daily }	399 11 6
† 2	GOSPORT	156	86	Daily	100 0 0

* (New Rooms built)

† Large Room purchased by the benevolence of a few Individuals.

No. of Schools.	Place.	No. Boys.	No. Girls.	Whether Da. Eve. or Sund. School.	Annual Sal.
					£. s. d.
*2	PORTSEA	214	200	Daily	{ 125 0 0† 46 0 0†
2	WICKHAM	36	24	Sunday....	30 0 0
§2	SOUTHAMPTON ..	180	101	Daily	245 0 0
||2	CHILBOLTON	14	20	Daily	{ Supported by the Curate.
¶2	CLATFORD	26	25	Daily	
1	EAST WOODHAY..	62	46	Daily	50 0 0
	ASHMANSWORTH				
**2	WHARWELL	45	40	Daily	75 0 0
2	FARNHAM	48	32	Daily	
2	ANDOVER.....	73	64	Daily	72 14 11
1	LYNDHURST ...	37		Sunday....	23 16 6
††2	PORTSMOUTH	170	94	Daily	250 0 0
2	FAWLEY	20	20	Sunday....	19 19 0
2	DIBDEN	26	33	Sunday....	4 4 0
2	HAVANT	25	30	Sunday....	17 6 6
††2	EMSWORTH	71	50	Daily	103 10 0
2	COSHAM	45	57	Daily	55 3 6
1	MARTYR WORTHY	40		Sund. & Even.	18 18 0
1	CHRISTCHURCH ..	36		{ Sund. & four Evenings in the week..	{ 40 0 0
2	RINGWOOD	160	70	{ Sund. & two Evenings in the week..	{ 60 0 0
1	LYMINGTON	64		Daily	38 0 0
§§1	BEAULIEU RAILS	72		Daily	50 0 0
|||2	NORTHSTONEHAM	40	89	Daily	86 0 0
2	OWSLEBURY	30	20	.....	12 5 6
1	LONGWOOD DEAN	7	7	Daily	
1	BASINGSTOKE	99		Daily	{ 50 0 0 23 0 0
¶¶1	PRESTONCANDOVER	33		Daily	{ Supported by Mr. & Miss BLACKBURN.
2	ODIHAM	60	35	{ Sund. & part of the week }	{ 41 15 0

* Large new Room divided into two for a temporary measure. New Room for Girls to be built. † For Boys. ‡ For Girls. § New Room. || Building altered for the purpose. ¶ New Room and Tenement to be built. ** New Room. †† New Rooms and Tenements built. ‡‡ Poor-house altered. §§ Building altered. ||| New Room. ¶¶ New Girls' School-Room built by J. BLACKBURN, Esq. Boys' school to be completed.

No. of Schools.	Places.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Whether Da. Eve. or Sund. School.	Annual Subs.		
					£.	s.	d.
1	CORHAMPTON	60		Daily	26	8	0*
2	PETERSFIELD	37	20	Daily	42	6	0
1	ALRESFORD	43		Daily	55	0	0
1	PRIVELT	23		Sunday			
†1	WESTMEON	43		Sund. & Eve.	50	0	0
		2151	1344		£2153	18	5

The School has received assistance in Books, &c.

* Resides Endowment.

† Girls' School to be established.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT SOCIETY.

THE Committee report, that no new School-Rooms have been erected since the last report, nor Schools admitted into Union. That the Children have made considerable progress in both religious and other knowledge; and that the consequence has been, greater decency in their demeanour, and a more regular attendance at Church. That a gallery has been built for their accommodation in the Church at NEWPORT, and seats erected in other places. That at GADSHALL and NITON advantage has been taken of old foundations: that the erection of School-Rooms, for the Central School, would much advance the System in the Island, could the means be provided; and that the funds by which the Children are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are as follows—

NEWPORT....	Boys and Girls 146....	Annual Subs. £181.
YARMOUTH.....	90.....	51.
GADSHILL	80.....	29.
NITON	60.....	19.
SMALLFLEET.	Sunday School 40	

STOKE DEANERY SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that owing to the confined dimensions of the CENTRAL SCHOOL, it has been found necessary to erect two new School-Rooms, sufficiently capacious to accommodate 200 Boys and 120 Girls: that in prosecution of this benevolent object, an appeal was immediately made to the liberality of the Inhabitants of GUILDFORD and its Vicinity, which has succeeded so well, that, with the aid of grants from the National and Deanery Societies, a Sum, nearly adequate to the purpose, has been raised; and that a building, the estimate of which is £470., is far advanced towards completion. That at WEYBRIDGE £177. has been expended in repairing the old School-House and adding a new School-Room, His Royal Highness the DUKE of YORK, the Patron of the School, having greatly promoted the good work by a liberal Contribution: that at WEST HORSELEY the Rev. WILLIAM FULLERTON, Rector of the Parish, has instituted a Sunday School, which he has liberally endowed; and has built a convenient School-Room at his own expence: that a Sunday School has also been established at PUTTENHAM since the last report. That it would have been most grateful to their feelings to have announced an accession to the number of *Daily* Schools; but that though, owing to local difficulties, no actual encrease of them has taken place, they have reason to anticipate that their next Annual Statement will be much more favourable, whilst the progress, of those already established, is very encouraging.

That their own observation, with respect to the Central School, and the printed Reports and private communications from the Visitors of the different Schools in Union, all concur in repre-

senting the progress of the Children in the different branches of their education, particularly in the acquisition of Religious Knowledge, to be considerable, and to excite a very general admiration of the System adopted by the Society, and a very increased interest in its support: that a visible improvement in the conduct of the Children appears already amongst its happy effects; that in School a great degree of emulation and docility is manifest, and out of it a respectful behaviour to their superiors. That cleanliness of person is also a characteristic by which National Scholars are distinguished, and great crimes, such as swearing and stealing, are rare. That needlework in the Female Schools is the only work of Industry introduced. That regularly appointed Visitors superintend all the Schools, and that sufficient accommodation at Church is every where provided.

That in 22 of the 50 Parishes, of which the Deanery consists, the Poor Inhabitants have now opportunities of availing themselves of the National System of Education; the benefit of which is thus extended to 6 Parishes and 160 Children, in addition to those comprised in last year's Statement. That 2 Schools, one at WALTON-ON-THAMES and the other at WINDLESHAM, together containing 200 Children, have adopted the National System entirely, but are not in Union. That there are likewise, in the Deanery, 5 other Schools, containing nearly 400 Children, who are educated on the National System, and attend exclusively the Established Church: and though the number of uneducated Children in the Deanery is not accurately known, it is not supposed to be very great. That hitherto no advantage has been taken of old foundations; with the exception of a single instance at GUILDFORD. That the funds by which the several National Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are as stated below.

	Boys.	Girls.	Donations.			Subscripts.		
			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
CENTRAL SCHOOL ..	160..	....	247	0	0	161	4	2
GODALMING	100..	75....	116	13	0	117	2	6

	Boys.	Girls.	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
FARNHAM	150	160	69	16	0	128	16	9
WEYBRIDGE	78	68	125	17	6	112	15	6

Boys and Girls.

EWHURST	25
CRANLEY	25
WONERSH	30
WEST HORSLEY, Sunday School	40
ST. MARTHA'S ditto	25
PUTTENHAM	24

With the view of inducing the opulent Members of the Established Church, resident in the Deanery, to take a warmer interest in the education of the lower Classes, by means of the National System, the Committee thus, in conclusion, set forth its peculiar advantages.

“The Children admitted into the Schools conducted on this Plan are instructed in the authenticated principles of the Established Church, in the knowledge of her public formularies, her Liturgy and Catechism, and are habituated to a regular attendance upon her Sacred ordinances. Such an education cannot fail, whilst it tends to make the Children themselves wise unto Salvation and useful Members of Society, materially to increase the stability and security of that venerable Church, which God by his Providence has established in these Realms, which by many signal interpositions he has preserved from the dangers to which it is exposed, and the subversion of which would, in the opinion of many wise and good men, involve the ruin of the State.

“In Schools conducted on this System, Religious knowledge is made the principal object of regard. The course of instruction that has been introduced is intended to comprise as faithfully as possible a compendious view of the history of the Old and New Testament, and a comprehensive summary of faith

and practice. To accomplish this desirable object, in addition to the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, a catechetical mode of instruction has been adopted, well calculated to fix the attention, to superinduce habits of observation and reflection, to strengthen and mature the mind, and indelibly to fix upon the memory the truths that have been learned. It is confidently hoped that children thus instructed, who have been taught not only to read the Word of God, but to meditate upon it, and in some measure to understand it, will in future life hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering, will escape the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the LORD JESUS CHRIST; not tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine; but will continue firm, consistent, and pious Members of that Church in which they had the happiness to be born, baptized, and educated."

"In these Schools it is an invariable practice to begin and conclude the business of the day with a solemn address of Prayer and praise to Almighty God. The pathetic simplicity with which this Religious exercise is performed, renders it highly interesting and impressive. A duty so sacred, one would suppose, would never be neglected, much less systematically omitted. Such omission must undoubtedly make a most injurious impression on the minds of Children, and in most instances be followed with the total disuse of private devotion. But the regular recurrence of morning and evening prayer cannot fail to impress infant minds with a proper sense of God's glorious and gracious attributes, the inestimable value of his grace and providential care, their entire dependance upon the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the guilt and danger of sin, and the mercies of Redemption through the merits and mediation of a Saviour.

"Such is the System which the Members of the Established Church are solicited to support, and it is confidently hoped that the appeal will not be made in vain, at all events that no encouragement will be given to any School for the Educa-

tion of the infant Poor of the Established Church, from which prayer and religious instruction are excluded. It would behove us seriously to consider whether, in all such cases, more respect be not paid to the prejudices of men than to the Commandments of God."

EWELL DEANERY SOCIETY.

THE Committee report, that they have continued to make known their desire to assist in establishing National Schools in all parts of the Deanery, where there were to be found any number of the infant Poor without the means of education; and a suitable disposition appeared on the part of the more opulent inhabitants to provide the requisite resources; but that the Schools at MITCHAM and EPSOM (the establishment of which was notified in their last Statement) are the only ones at present formed.

That no advances have been made by the Committee appointed to promote the institution of a School for the three Parishes of THAMES DITTON, LONG DITTON, and EAST MOULSEY; the local Subscription being in no degree adequate either to the first formation or the support of an Establishment for between 400 and 500 poor Children: that in the mean time the necessity continues, and great advantages would result from the accomplishment of this project.

That upon the representation of the Rev. JAMES MAGGS, Vicar of EWELL, stating the wish of the Parishioners to open a School upon the Plan of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, provided some assistance was afforded them in aid of their own Contributions, a Committee has been appointed to communicate with the chief promoters of the design; and that the funds destined for its support, and the number of Children intended to be received, are—

Old Endowment £20. Annual Subscriptions £50.—Children 200.

That though of the 53 Parishes contained in the Deanery, these alone have hitherto concurred in their benevolent undertaking, yet Schools for gratuitous education of the Poor exist in many places, and that all the Children at KEW, SUTTON, BANSTEAD, WOODMANSTERN, SANDERSTEAD, WARLINGHAM, LYMPFIELD, and TITSEY, enjoy that advantage,

That the progress of the Children in the MITCHAM and EPSOM Schools continues to be highly satisfactory; and that a favourable effect upon the conduct of both sexes, but particularly the Girls, and a general appearance of satisfaction and thankfulness in the Parents, has been visibly produced. That the Girls only are employed in works of Industry, viz. plain-work and knitting. That in both Parishes they are accommodated in the Church; and that the funds by which they are supported, independantly of one penny per week paid by each Child, and the number of Children under instruction, are—at

MITCHAM—*Annual Subscriptions* £85. *Annual Grant from District Fund* £60.—*Boys* 170. *Girls* 130.

EPSOM—*Old Endowment* £52. 10s.—*Boys* 111. *Girls* 65.

CAMBERWELL CHARITY SCHOOLS.

THE Vicar reports, that two new School-Rooms have been erected, and the residence of the Master repaired, at an expence of £450. 14s. 2d.; the whole of which has been defrayed by the liberal Contributions of the Parishioners; and that 150 Boys and 100 Girls may now be received for instruction. That since the Schools were re-modelled upon the National System, the Children have continued progressively to improve in their learning, their moral conduct, and their general appearance. That the Directors have suggested the expediency of introducing works of Industry, and are now endeavouring to as-

certain in what manner the experiment may be tried with the fairest prospect of success. That the Children are all accommodated in the Parish Church; and the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children at present under instruction, are—

Dividends £47. 10s. Annual Subscriptions £223. 10s. Collections after Sermons £149.—Boys 78. Girls 59.

CROYDON NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE Vicar reports, that the female part of the infant Poor of CROYDON, have long enjoyed the benefit of a suitable education, in a School of Industry of old establishment. That a lively desire has recently been excited amongst the Inhabitants to avail themselves of the great facilities of the National System, and to make a similar provision for the Boys. That on application to the ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, His Grace was pleased to appropriate to this useful purpose, an antient School-Room, attached to an Hospital, founded by Archbishop WHITGIFT, and no longer used: that here the School was immediately opened, and from the period of its commencement, has answered their most sanguine expectations. That the Children improve in religious knowledge, as well as in reading, writing, and arithmetic; that they are generally well behaved, and their Parents grateful. That a sufficient space has been allotted to both the Schools at Church, where they regularly attend twice on the Sunday; that the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £100.—Boys 120. Girls 80.

LAMBETH PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

THE Rector reports, that a new School-Room has been built for the purpose of accommodating a greater number of Scholars; but that, in consequence of the increased population of his extensive Parish, another School is greatly wanted, and particularly in the District of STOCKWELL. That 20 Boys, educated under an old endowment, form a part of the complement of the School. That the introduction of the National System has materially quickened the progress of the Children, and every examination displays an increase of attention, accuracy, and intelligence: that their attendance is more regular, and their Parents are more generally disposed to conform to the regulations of the School. That plaiting of straw has been introduced as a work of Industry: that 70 of the Boys are clothed, and all accommodated in Church. That a Committee of Subscribers superintends the conduct of the School; and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Dividends £43. 13s. 6d. Annual Subscriptions and Collections £456.—Boys 320.

PECKHAM SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that a School-House has been erected, capable of containing 120 Boys, on part of a piece of ground, given by A. HUGHES, Esq., which is vested in Trustees for a term of 500 years, at a nominal quit rent. That on the remainder of the ground a house will be built for the Master, as soon as the funds will permit; and that a

proviso is inserted in the Deed of Trust, making the conveyance void if ever the School should be appropriated to any other purpose than the instruction of Children on the Principles of the Church of England.

That in February last a Mr. TERRY, of Lordship Lane, in this Parish, left a Freehold Estate and money in the Funds to Trustees, for educating 20 Boys and 10 Girls in the Principles of the Church of England, but his devise of the Freehold being void by the Statute of Mortmain, that the funds at present are only adequate to the support of a Girls' School, which has accordingly been established.

That the Boys have made considerable progress in religious knowledge, and are much improved in their behaviour. That a convenient gallery has been erected for them in PECKHAM Chapel, which is duly licenced by the BISHOP of WINCHESTER; and that the number of Children now under instruction is—

Boys 92. Girls 10.

RICHMOND SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that 41 additional Scholars have been admitted into the School since the last Annual Account; and that the Establishment is capable of receiving all who apply: that the progress made by the Children, both in religious knowledge, and the other branches of their education, is considerable; and that a good effect upon their conduct has evidently been produced. That only 130 of them can be, at one time, accommodated in Church; and that besides voluntary Contributions of uncertain amount, the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Dividends £67. 10s.—Boys 183. Girls 108.

WANDSWORTH AUXILIARY NATIONAL SOCIETY.

THE Committee report, that aided by the liberal grant of £100. from the NATIONAL SOCIETY, and by the loan of £300. from the Lending Society, the expences of their first Establishment are now discharged; and that the whole Sum which the liberality of their fellow Parishioners has expended in providing for the Education of the Poor, is upwards of £1100.

That the progress made by the Children in the elements of religion and useful learning is exactly what might be expected from an attentive application of this excellent mode of education; and they confidently appeal to the examinations, as the best proof of their industry, and of the success which has attended their exertions; the Inhabitants of the Parish at large will bear witness to the striking improvement of the Children in decency of behaviour, since they have been brought under the discipline of the National System.

That the moral effects of the Institution are not confined to its immediate objects, but that its influence on persons more advanced in age is already perceptible in the gratitude expressed by the Parents, in general, for the benefits conferred on their Children, and in their increasing regularity of attendance at Church on the LORD's day.

That Shoe-making continues to be practiced as a work of Industry in the Boys' School; and that they have made this advance towards the projected introduction of Mat-making from rope-yarn (as a more active employment, to form an interchange with the former sedentary occupation) that they have ascertained, that it will produce to the Charity a profit of £40. per Cent.; and they are about to have it taught to the

Children immediately. That two hours each morning and afternoon are allotted for the instruction of the Girls in plain-work and knitting: that besides the clothing for rewards, they make a variety of articles for sale, all which the Ladies, who superintend the School, cut out at their own houses, taking this labour upon themselves by turns; and providing a substitute, should they be obliged, during the time they are in office, to neglect their occupation.

That being unable to procure sufficient accommodation in the Parish Church at Morning Prayer, they have now, with the concurrence of the Vicar, and the gratuitous assistance of the Rev. P. ALLWOOD, their Secretary, established a distinct Service for the Children at 9 o'Clock, which will afford an opportunity of attending Morning Prayers, to the Parents, and other poor Persons, who at present are excluded from that part of the service by the smallness of the Church.

That the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £203. 19s. 6d. *Collections after Sermons*
£188. 14s. 10½d. *Rent* £50. *Boys* 175. *Girls* 98.

WIMBLEDON SCHOOL.

THE Treasurer reports, that the School is not of recent establishment, the House, Garden, and some land which forms the endowment, having been given, many years ago, by Lord SPENCER, for the special purpose of providing education for the Poor. That the Children receive such instruction as qualifies them for service—that particular attention is paid to their improvement in religious knowledge, according to the

Principles of the Church of England; and that the effects of their education are seen in the improved civility and decency of behaviour; the rare occurrence of bad practices among themselves; greater cleanliness, and an encrease of industry. That a gallery and forms down the middle aisle are provided for their accommodation at Church; and the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

*Rent of Land £20. Dividends and Subscriptions, &c. £88.—
Boys 70. Girls 50.*

GUERNSEY SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that French being the language of the Island, and there being in every Parish a School, under the superintendence of the Parochial Minister, where the infant Poor are taught to read and write, the uneducated Children are chiefly those of strangers coming to reside in the Island, and of the Military, and are mostly confined to the Town Parish of St. PETER'S PORT. That for their benefit, the plan of establishing Schools upon the National System was undertaken. That Rooms were accordingly hired in January, 1813, which have been enlarged and altered, and provided with desks, and every other requisite furniture for a School, at a very heavy expence. That a Master, Mr. Barry, having been sent to the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL for instruction in the System, soon after his return the Schools were opened. That the progress of the Children has been such as to afford very pleasing reflections to those who have been instrumental in the formation of the establishment; and that there is no doubt but that the morals, both of

Children and Parents, have been improved. That sewing and knitting form a part of the instruction in the Girls' School; and that the Boys occasionally go out to labour. That two galleries have been appropriated to them in the Church; and that the funds by which the Town Parish Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £194. 19s. 6d.—Boys 134. Girls 120.

That at ST. PETER DU BOIS, the westernmost Parish in the Island, and the farthest from the town, another National School has been opened for gratuitous education by the Rev. T. BROCK, the zealous and indefatigable Rector, assisted by Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, Bart.: that in this School instruction is communicated on Sundays to the Boys, and during the week chiefly to the Girls: that besides the liberal Contributions of the Rector and his coadjutor, some Benefactions are collected among the Inhabitants, who, in general, are poor; and that, the number of Children amounts to—

Boys and Girls 150.

That parts of the National System have been introduced in some of the Parochial Schools.

JERSEY SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that upon the return of Mr. G. Mathew from the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL, with a Certificate from Mr. JOHNSON of his knowledge of the National System, they engaged two apartments for one year certain; and having fitted them up with all possible despatch, and framed

a set of Rules for the internal government of the Institution; they opened both Schools for the reception of Children in the month of October, 1812.

That the improvement of the Children, in religious knowledge, in decency of behaviour, in general good order, and in cleanliness of appearance, has excited general admiration; and that the Parents also partake in the beneficial effects, and evince much gratitude and satisfaction at the attention paid to their Children. That plain needle work and knitting have been introduced into the Girls' School with great success: that places are allotted to the Boys and Girls separately in the town Church of ST. HELIER'S: that sixty Ladies, and the same number of Gentlemen, act in Monthly Committees of five, as Visitors of the School; and that in both departments, but especially in that of the Ladies, the duty is very punctually discharged. That besides the Daily School, the Master has voluntarily undertaken to open the School in the evening, and that some poor apprentices, who could not attend during the regular hours, are thus receiving the benefits of instruction.

That the School is open to the Children of all the 12 Parishes in the Island; and that the want of more convenient and spacious rooms forms the only impediment to the extending the benefits of the National System to all the poor Inhabitants. That the Society has this measure in contemplation, but that as the expence is estimated at £1000., it cannot be carried into effect without assistance.

That many additional Subscribers have come forward since the excellence of the Schools has been proved by experience; and that the funds for their establishment and support, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations £200. *Annual Subscriptions* £203. 11s. 3d.—*Boys* 150. *Girls* 130.

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FLINT NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE Superintendant reports, that a grant of the use of the Town-Hall having provided a School-Room adequate to the reception of all the Children who were without the means of education, a Subscription had been raised, extra Teachers, to introduce the National System, engaged, and Books purchased; and that a few liberal Donations from the neighbouring Gentry defrayed the not inconsiderable expence thus incurred at the outset of the Institution. That the progress made by the Children is fully equal to his most sanguine expectations, as the whole of them know their catechism; and the several classes are, in all other respects, in regular gradations of improvement. That the good effect is daily visible in the amendment of their behaviour, particularly on the sabbath-day, when the Children, who are now brought regularly to Church, were in the constant habit, even during Divine Service, of rioting in the streets; their Parents, who are chiefly Colliers, being altogether lost to all sense of religion. That benches have been placed in the lower part of the Church for their accommodation. That there is a prospect of new Establishments, at no distant period, in two neighbouring Parishes, under the influence, and at the expence, of the Members of the County and Borough, aided by the countenance and liberality of the BISHOP. That the School is supported by voluntary Contributions; and that the number of Children at this time under instruction is—

Boys and Girls from 90 to 100.

GUILDSFIELD NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE Curate reports, that the establishment of the School has been already productive of great benefit to the Parish. That the elder Boys are advancing in the explanation of the Catechism: that all the rest, excepting those very recently admitted, are perfect in the repetition of that excellent Summary of Christian Principles; and that in this place, where before the opening of the School public worship was much neglected, the Parents as well as the Children are now regular in their attendance at Church. That owing to the impracticability of obtaining an adequate stipend for the Master by voluntary Contribution, the fund for the support of the School is raised by a quarterly payment taken from the Children, according to the following table—

30 Children of Farmers, instructed as far as the 4	
first rules of Arithmetic, at 4s. per quarter	£24.
10 ditto instructed further in Arithmetic, at 8s.	16
20 Children of the Poor, who have only 2 Children	
instructed as in the first instance, at 2s. per quarter	8
20 ditto ditto who have larger families, at 1s.	4

That there is an old Endowment of £10. per annum; and that in case these sums should be found insufficient, the wealthier Inhabitants have engaged to make good the deficiency by subscription. That the Curate inspects the School at least once, and generally much oftener, every week; enforces the regular attendance of the Children, and examines the several classes. That many of the Children in this extensive and populous parish (the whole number between 6 and 12 being 220) live at too great a distance to derive any benefit from the School; and that on this account, the establishment of Auxiliary Schools, in convenient situations, under the management of the older boys from

the principal School, would, if practicable, be particularly desirable. That the number of Children now under instruction amounts to—

Boys and Girls 88.

BANGOR

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

THE Superintendant reports, that within the short period which has elapsed since the opening of the School, all the elementary books of the National Society have been introduced: that a regular progression of religious instruction is established; and that Boys who a few months ago were not acquainted with a single letter, and were unable to speak a word of English, read the Psalter with tolerable fluency. That the improvement of the Children in morals and manners is strikingly visible. That good accommodations are provided for them in the body of the Cathedral, where they join with the Choir in the responses. That there are quarterly examinations, and vigilant daily superintendence. That at present, only the Boys enjoy the benefits of a daily School, the Girls being instructed in the Boy's School-room on Sundays, but the establishment of a daily School for Girls forms part of the plan, and will be carried into effect as soon as possible. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children now under instruction, amount to—

Annual Subscriptions £70. Boys 76. Girls 75.

BATH & WELLS
DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children in the Central School is considerable, and that their instruction in Religious knowledge seems to have produced the best effects upon their conduct, which is evidently much improved. That the Girls are employed in knitting and sewing during every afternoon: that the accommodation made for them in Church is particularly good, and that the numbers under instruction are—

Boys 130. Girls 120.

That with the view of promoting the extension of the National System throughout the Diocese, they transmitted to each of the Parochial Clergy the following Queries, respectfully soliciting a speedy return, and offering every facility and assistance, that their funds would allow, to such Clergymen as were disposed to establish National Schools in their respective Parishes.

“ I.—How many Children are there in your Parish of between the Ages of Six and Twelve, not taught to read or write ?

“ II.—If there be any endowed Charity School within your Parish, be pleased to state

1.—The nature and amount of their respective Income, arising from whatever Source, on an average of the last five Years ?

“ 2.—The average Number of Children, distinguishing whether Males or Females, educated in such Schools during the same period ?

"3.—The dates of the respective foundations of such Schools, by whom, in what manner, and for what purpose established, and whether under a Deed or Will, and where such Deed or Will is deposited, proved, or registered, and who are now the Trustees, Feoffees, or Managers of such Schools respectively?

"4.—Whether any and what practicable improvement, or extension of the benefits of such Charity Schools might be safely and properly adopted, with the concurrence of the Trustees, Feoffees, or Managers, either by engrafting upon them Day-Schools for the admission of the Children of the Poor, on payment of two-pence or three-pence per week for each, and by introducing the new method of teaching or otherwise; and whether the Trustees, Feoffees, or Managers be willing to concur therein?

"5.—Whether any School has been established in your Parish on the New System of Instruction, and according to the Principles of the Church of England? And if any such has been established, how many Children, distinguishing whether Males or Females, are now educating therein?

"6.—Whether it be necessary or expedient that any new School or Schools should be established in your Parish, or in any place near or adjoining thereto? Whether the same could be established with or without the aid of this Society; and whether you would be willing to give your superintendance?

"7.—Whether there be any Church or Dissenting Sunday Schools? If so, what number of Children are educated therein? And upon what System of Instruction?"

That returns to these Queries were received from 138 of the 427 Parishes of which the Diocese consists; and that the sum of the several Statements of uneducated Children, between the ages of 6 and 12, exhibited a total of 2160. That this measure did not merely produce the beneficial effect of ob-

taining a partial representation of the necessities of the infant Poor in the very important particular of education, but that it called the attention of many of the Parochial Clergy to the destitute condition of this interesting portion of their flock; and that in consequence, 13 Parishes, in addition to those specified in the last report, have sought information and assistance from the Diocesan Society in the formation of Schools; have been united with it, and, in most instances, have derived aid from its funds, either in money or Books; and that in 10 of these Schools (the number of Children in the others not being reported) 778 Children are receiving the benefits of instruction; so that the Schools in Union, which (as will appear by the Table annexed) amounted to 11 on the last anniversary, are now encreased to 24; and the number of Scholars from 903 to 1681, exclusive of those under instruction in the Diocesan Central School.

A List of Schools formed, and in Union with the Central School, to October, 1813, and an account of the assistance given to them—

Names of Schools.	No. of Children.	Donations.			Value of Books given.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
WINSHAM, 30 additional..	120	21	0	0			
EAST-HARPTREE	66				2	0	0
NETHER-STOWEY	160				5	0	0
CHAPEL-ALLERTON	35	6	8	4	1	15	0
NETTLECOMBE	65						
CHURCHILL	50				2	10	0
WEINGTON	185				9	15	0
ILTON	30	8	0	0	1	5	0
NORTH-CADBURY	50						
PENSFORD	110	20	0	0	5	0	0
KEYNSHAM	60				3	0	0

United to the Central School since the last Report:—

WESTON, near BATH ....	....	20	0	0			
FILTON	50	10	0	0	2	10	0

Names of Schools.	No. of Children.	Donations.			Value of Books given.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
GLASTONBURY	100	....			5	0	0
BUMHAM	50	....			2	10	0
MELLS, School-room not quite finished		....				
NORTH-CHERITON	70	....			3	10	0
TIMBERSCOMBE	48	....				
CUTCOMBE	70	....				
MEARE	50	....			2	10	0
BATH.....	200	....				
WRINGTON		5	0	0			
BATCOMBE	70	....				
PENSFORD, Boy's School	40	....			1	10	0

That besides these Schools, there are many in the Diocese following the National System, which they are not able to particularize. That much advantage has not been derived from old endowments, the Feoffees and Governors not being yet made fully sensible of the advantages of the proposed alteration. That the Children in the Schools in Union are all well accommodated in their respective Churches, and that the same progress in Religious knowledge and moral improvement is produced amongst them as in the Central School.

BRISTOL

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that a building having been found sufficiently spacious for the accommodation of 400 Children,

it has been engaged, at an annual rent of £45., and, at an expence of £230. 10s. 9d., converted into a School for Boys, which was opened at Midsummer last: that a considerable progress has been made in their instruction, especially in Religious knowledge, in which, before the institution of the School, there is great reason to fear they were very deficient. That the moral effect has been highly beneficial, and displays itself in more orderly, attentive, and respectful conduct, and particularly in personal cleanliness. That the Parents begin duly to appreciate the System, and when they attend the examination of their Children on Sundays, express the greatest pleasure and gratitude.

That the Patrons of National Education in DORSETSHIRE—the larger portion of the Diocese—having established at DORCHESTER a District Society for promoting the formation of Schools throughout that County, the BRISTOL Society's sphere of operations is confined to 27 Parishes. That of these, the Parish of CLIFTON is the only one in which a School, in strict Union with it, is already in action: but that at WINTERBOURNE two School-rooms, capable of accommodating 150 Children each, are erecting, with a small house for the Master and Mistress annexed, which, when completed, will confer essential benefits on a numerous population, situated at a great distance from the Parish Church, and generally without the means of instruction. That there are six other Schools, viz. the Charity Schools of the two Parishes of St. NICHOLAS and St. LEONARD, within the City: the School of St. PETER'S HOSPITAL, of DOWNEND, HENBURY, and St. GEORGE'S, in GLOUCESTERSHIRE, on the National System, though not in Union. That the above Schools have either had their Masters trained at the Central School, or Boys furnished from it to organize and conduct them; and that assistance in one or other of these ways has been also afforded to Schools at HUNTSPELL, WRINGTON, and PENSFORD, in SOMERSETSHIRE; STROUP and WOTTON-UNDEREDGE, in GLOUCESTERSHIRE; and USKE, in MONMOUTHSHIRE.

That the Children of the above Schools all attend Divine Service at their respective Parish Churches, and that at CLIFTON, a gallery has been erected for the Girls by the Churchwardens. That Visitors are regularly appointed to the two Schools in Union. That at HENBURY, advantage has been taken of an old foundation, and that the benefits of it have in consequence been extended to double the number of Children before received.

That though the progress which has thus been made, is not inconsiderable, it is still little when compared with what remains to be done, in the wealthy and populous City of BRISTOL and its neighbourhood, which offers a large and most interesting field to the benevolent Promoters of National Education. That the present limited state of the Society's finances will not *admit* of more extensive exertions, but that the well known charitable disposition of the inhabitants of BRISTOL, inspires a confident hope of more liberal patronage, and the extension of National Schools throughout the District.

That the object of their most anxious wishes is the establishment of a Female School in the City, upon the National Plan, a measure so obviously desirable, that they look forward with confidence to its immediate adoption, and have reason to hope for the active concurrence of many benevolent Ladies in carrying it into effect: and though the want of School-rooms is a great obstacle to the introduction of the System in Country Parishes, they promise themselves that the difficulty will gradually be surmounted in most instances.

That the funds by which the Central School is supported, are, annual Subscriptions £212.; and that the number of the Children in the Central and other Schools are, at—

The CENTRAL SCHOOL	Boys	400.
CLIFTON .....	.....	158. Girls 134.
DOWNEND .....	.....	90. 60.

HENBURY	<i>Boys</i>	120.	
St. GEORGE'S.....		120.	<i>Girls</i> 60.
St. PETER'S HOSPITAL		40.	.... 40.
St. NICHOLAS & St. LEONARD..	<i>Boys & Girls</i>	70.	

DORSET DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that very considerable progress has been made in the education of the Children of the Central School, especially in the first Principles of Christianity; and that their improvement in morals and behaviour keeps pace with their instruction.

That by the continued zeal and truly pastoral care of the Clergy throughout the County, 24 additional Schools have been opened during the present year; and that the benefits of the National System have thus been imparted to 42 Parishes, whose infant Poor did not previously enjoy any means of instruction: that besides several others not yet ready, the number of Schools in Union is thus advanced to 71, which altogether accommodate the Children of 142 Parishes: that during the same period, 16 Masters and 7 Mistresses have been trained in the Central School, and supported whilst under instruction at an expence to the Society of £55. 5s. 6d., making the total of Masters 54, and of Mistresses 19, who have been qualified at DORCHESTER for conducting National Schools. That upwards of 8000 Elementary Books, and 551 Slates have been distributed to Schools in Union, and £73. 14s. in aid of Parochial Subscriptions raised for their support. That the Children all attend their respective Parish Churches. That the

Donations and Subscriptions of the present year amount to £397. 8s. 6d.; and that the number of Children, in the several Schools, is advanced from 2937 to 4449, of whom rather less than one-third receive daily, and the remainder weekly, instruction, as will more clearly appear from the following specification.

Statement of Schools in Union 1813.

DORCHESTER DIVISION.

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Dorchester	DORCHESTER	{ Central Day School for Boys Ditto for Girls.	{ Wholly sup- ported.	268
Fordington				
Herringston				
Came				
Monckton				
Charminster ..				
Stinsford				
West Stafford ..	WINTER- BORNE STEE- PLETON....	{ Sunday School for both Sexes.	{ £2.19s. for fit- tingup.	64
Winterborne				
Steepleton ..				
Winterborne				
Abbas	STRATTON ..	{ Day School & Sunday School for both Sexes.	54
Stratton				
Grimston				
Bradford				
Muckleford				
Wrackleford ..	(preparations.)	{ Sunday School for both Sexes.	52
Stinsford				
Toipiddle				
Burleston	MAIDEN NEWTON....	{ Ditto	80
Maiden Newton				
Fro. Vauchurch	E. COMPTON	{ Ditto	34
Winford Eagle				
East Compton..	ABBOTS- BURY	{ Day School & Sunday School for both Sexes.	59
West Compton..				
Abbotsbury	(preparations.)	{ Sunday School for both Sexes.	30
Rodden				
Osmington	LITTLE- BREDY ..	{ Sunday School for both Sexes.	46
Littlebredy				
Evershot	EVERSHOT..	{ Ditto	46
Fro. St. Quinton				
Melbury Sampfd.				
Melbury Bubb				

BLANDFORD DIVISION.

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Blandford	BLANDFORD	{ Day and Sun- day School for Boys. Ditto for Girls. }	{ £10. pr. ann. }	152
Blandf. St. Mary				
Langton Long				
Blandford ..				
Bryanstone				
Spettisbury	SPETTISBURY	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	40
Winterborne Kingston	KINGSTON ..	Ditto	52
Winterborne Thompson ..				
Winterborne An- derson				
Tarrant Gunville				
Tarrant Hinton	TARRANT HINTON ..	{ Day School for both Sexes }	56
Tarr. Lanceston				
Tarr. Monckton	(preparations.)			
Tarr. Keystone				
Tarrant Rushton				
Tarrant Rawston				
Tarrant Crawford	(preparations.)			
Pimperne.....				
Durweston	DURWESTON	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	72
Winterborne Whitechurch	WHITCHURCH	Ditto	80
Winterborne Clenston				
Winterborne Stickland	STICKLAND	Ditto	30
Winterborne Houghton.....				

SHERBORNE DIVISION.

Sherborne	SHERBORNE	{ Day School for Boys. Sunday School for both Sexes. }	{ £10. pr. ann. }	176
Castleton				
Allweston	ALLWESTON	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	42
North Wootton ..				
Haydon				
Folke				
Gaundle Marsh				

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Longburton	LONGBURTON	Ditto .....	.....	77
Holnest				
Lillington				
Thornford	THORNFORD	Ditto .....	.....	60
Over Compton ..	NETHER COMPTON	{ Ditto .....	.....	20
Nether Compton }				

SHAFTESBURY DIVISION.

Shaftesbury	SHAFTES- BURY	{ Sunday School for Boys. Ditto for Girls. }	.....	140
Cann St. Rhumb. }				
Cann	(preparations.)			
Ashmore	(preparations.)			
Iwerne	IWERNE	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	£5. pr.ann. }	87
Sutton Waldron }				
Bourton	(preparations.)			
Silton				

WAREHAM DIVISION.

Wareham	WAREHAM ..	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	140
Stoborough				
Holme	EAST STOKE	Ditto	65
East Stoke				
Corfe Castle	CORFECASTLE	{ Sunday School for Boys. Ditto for Girls. }	76
Woodsford				
East Lulworth ..	EAST LUL- WORTH	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	36
Swanage	SWANAGE ..	{ Sunday School for Boys. Ditto for Girls. }	110
Pallington		{ Day and Sun- day School for both Sexes, .. }	45
Affpiddle				
Tonerspiddle ..				
Briantspiddle ..				

CERNE DIVISION.

Cerne Abbas ..	CERNE AB- BAS	Sunday School for both Sexes. }	107
Up Cerne				
Nether Cerne ..				

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Buckland Newton	{ BUCKLAND NEWTON	Day School for both Sexes. }	.....	36
Plush	PLUSH	Sunday Ditto	.....	20
East Pulham	{ (preparations.) }			
West Pulham ..	{ (preparations.) }			
Minterne Magna	{ MINT. MAGNA	Ditto .....	.....	40
Minterne Parva				
Glanville's Woot.	{ GLANVILLE'S WOOTON ..	Sunday School for both Sexes. }	.....	35
Hermitage				
Alton	ALTON	Ditto .....	.....	30
Piddletrenthide	{ (preparations.) }			
Dewlish	{ (preparations.) }			
Milbourne	{ (preparations.) }			

STURMINSTER DIVISION.

Sturminst. Newt.	{ STURMINST. NEWTON ..	Day School for both Sexes. }	.....	100
Hinton St. Mary				
Manston				
Hammoon				
Fittleford				
Bagbor	{ CHILD OCK- FORD	Sunday School for both Sexes. }	.....	60
Fifehead Neville				
Child Ockford ..	STALBRIDGE	Day Ditto ..	.....	50
Stalbridge	SHROTON ..	Sunday Ditto	.....	50
Shroton	{ (preparations.) }			
Keynton Magna	{ (preparations.) }			
Buckhorn Weston	{ (preparations.) }			
Stoke Wake	{ (preparations.) }			

WINBOURNE DIVISION.

Canford	CANFORD ..	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	112
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BEAMINSTER DIVISION.

Beaminster	BEAMINSTER	{ Sunday School for both Sexes. }	54
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*Schools added 1814.***DORCHESTER DIVISION.**

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Longbredy	LIT. CHENEY	Sunday School	.....	50
Litton Cheney ..				
Chilcombe				
Melbury Osmond	MEL. OSMOND	Day & Sun. Sch.	.....	80
Frampton	FRAMPTON ..	Sunday School	.....	20
Broadmayne	BROADMAYNE	Ditto .....	.....	41

BLANDFORD DIVISION.

East Morden ..	EAST MORDEN	Sunday School	.....	60
West Morden ..				
Stour Payne	STOURPAYNE	Sunday School	.....	45
Aishe				

SHERBORNE DIVISION

Yetminster	YETMINSTER	{ Day and Sun- day School }	60
Leigh				
Chetnole				
Beerhackett				
Ryme Intrinseta				
Bishop's Caundle	BISHOP'S CAUNDLE	} Sunday School	100
Holwell				
Stourton Caundle	BRADFORD ..	{ Day and Sun- day School }	35
Bradford				
Clifton				
Corscombe	CORSCOMBE	Sunday School	50
West Chelbury				
Halstock	HALSTOCK ..	Ditto	60
Luccombe				
Purse Caundle ..	P. CAUNDLE	Ditto	30
Osborne	OSBORNE	Ditto	39

SHAFTESBURY DIVISION.

Melbury Abbas	{ MELBURY ABBAS }	} Sunday School	{ £5. pr. ann. }	65
Compton Abbas				
Funtmell	FUNTMELL ..	Ditto	44
Hargrove				
Bedchester				

WAREHAM DIVISION.

Moreton	MORETON ..	Sunday School	55
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CERNE DIVISION.

Places.	Schools where opened.	Description of Schools.	Pecuniary aid.	No. of Children.
Batcombe	} HILFIELD ..	Sunday School	.....	40
Hilfield				
Sydling	SYDLING....	Ditto .....	.....	30
Cheselborne....	CHÆSELBORNE	Ditto .....	.....	40
Piddlehinton ..	PIDDLEHINTON	Ditto .....	.....	35
Ockford Fitzpaine	OCKF. FITZP.	Ditto .....	.....	54
Shillingston	SHILLINGSTON	Ditto .....	.....	50
Stock Gaylard ..	} LYDLINCH ..	Ditto	{ £1.15s. pr. ann. }	40
Lydlinch				

BEAMINSTER DIVISION.

Loders & Bradpole	UPLODERS ..	Sunday School	100
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CARLISLE**DIOCESAN SOCIETY;**

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the plan of education upon the National System has been steadily pursued in the Central School, and that in few places has its powerful tendency to improve the understanding, to produce a correctness of religious and moral principle, and a propriety of demeanour, been more happily exemplified. That these beneficial effects have recommended the Institution to an increased share of public favour, which has been demonstrated by the Contributions of many respectable Inhabitants of the town and county, who at first withheld their support; and that to give a greater degree of stability and extent to its advantages than it at present pos-

cesses, from the confined dimensions, and precarious tenure, of the premises, made use of as the Central School-Room, the plan of erecting a new School-Room, capable of containing 1000 Children, upon the ground stated in the last report to have been granted by the Corporation, and of offering gratuitous education to all the Inhabitants of CARLISLE, has been prosecuted with increased energy, and with the good effect of raising a fund so nearly adequate to the expence, that the work will be immediately undertaken. That three Visitors are appointed every month, and give their regular attendance: that no works of industry are introduced. That the Children regularly attend Divine Service at the Cathedral; and that the funds contributed for the erection and support of the Central School, and the number of Children at present under instruction, are—

Donations £554. 10s. 6d. *Annual Subscriptions* £200.—*Daily School—Boys* 167. *Girls* 86.

CHESTER

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, that in addition to the Schools specified in their last return, viz. HAWARDEN, Boys and Girls 150; ASHTON-UPON-MERSEY 151; RUNCORN 125; LEIGH and BEDFORD 250 each; SALE 110; LITTLE BUDWORTH 130; the Schools at CLITHEROE, in LANGASHIRE, containing 325 Scholars; and at CHILDER THORNTON, in

CHESHIRE, have been admitted into Union: that several more are now forming, amongst which a large School at **PRESTON**, for 1000 Children, is specially deserving of notice. That 14 Masters have been trained in the Central School, at **CHESTER**, and are now actively employed in conducting Schools in various parts of the Diocese. That they are not, at present, in possession of the particulars of many of the Schools already united, but will furnish a complete statement in their next report. That speaking in round numbers of the Schools in Union within the Diocese, and of those conducted upon the National System but not united; the former contain—

Boys and Girls 3000. The latter, ditto 4000.

BLACKBURN NATIONAL SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the course of instruction pursued in the Central School, is that recommended to general adoption by the practice of the **NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL**, in **BALDWIN'S GARDENS**, in the different gradations of which a very gratifying progress has been made. That the Children are well accommodated in the aisles and Chancel of the Parish, and **St. JOHN'S Churches**, which they attend twice every Sunday; and that both at School and at Church their behaviour is regular and orderly. That the reading of the Scriptures is now introduced into many of the houses of the Poor, and that illiterate Parents have in several instances expressed great satisfaction at the advantage which they now enjoy of hearing the Bible read by their Children. That the

NATIONAL SCHOOL, the FEMALE CHARITY SCHOOL, and the SUNDAY SCHOOL, continue closely connected with each other, as explained in the last report, and that the best effects are produced by the Union: and that all that is wanted at BLACKBURN, is such an extension of the School-room, as will render it more commensurate to the wants of the place; as, within the last fortnight, no fewer than 70 fresh applications have been made, which want of accommodation has obliged them reluctantly to dismiss. That the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £122. National School, Boys 400: Female Charity School, 70. Sunday School, Boys & Girls 400.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1811,

THE Committee report, that an unfortunate selection of Masters, not duly qualified, has, in some measure, disappointed their sanguine expectations of the proficiency of the Children under the National method of instruction; but that notwithstanding this disadvantage, great progress has been made, in every instance, where a regular attendance has been given. That a very visible improvement in the conduct of the School has been produced by the exertions of Mr. Grover, for whose important services they are indebted to the NATIONAL SOCIETY; and that they have great reason to hope that this improvement will be rendered permanent by the energy of a youth, obtained, on his application, from the YORK National School, who possesses the art of securing the attention of the

several classes, and of disciplining and instructing them in a very superior manner*.

That another material obstacle has arisen from the unwillingness of the Parents to forego the advantages which may be derived from the employment of Children at an early age in the Factories: that in order to provide the most effectual remedy to this evil which the case admits, the MANCHESTER Sunday Schools continue to be most warmly patronized; and may be considered as a very important auxiliary to the National Schools, as they afford religious instruction to a very large body of the infant Poor on the only day on which they are at liberty to receive it, and, at the same time, are so judiciously dispersed through the town, as to be within easy distances from all its poor Inhabitants, and in the vicinity of some one or other of the Churches, where the Children have seats allotted them, and form a part of the Congregation.

That the finances of the Society have profited considerably by the liberality of its Members during the present year, an increase of £20. having been made to the annual Subscriptions, and the debt of £6745., incurred by the erection of the two Schools, being reduced to £1667., and in a fair way of complete liquidation.

* On this Statement, the Committee, informed by Mr. Grover that at YORK there are two or three other Boys equal, or nearly so, to the one they have engaged, proceed to suggest the expediency of the Managers of that Establishment encouraging a limited number of the cleverest Boys to prepare themselves for Masters, as besides the perfection to which it is evident that the System has been advanced at YORK, the circumstance of no extensive manufactures being carried on there, seems to render it peculiarly calculated for serving the cause of National Education in this particular, which is one of such importance, that the accelerated progress, if not the ultimate success of the undertaking, depends upon it. By referring to the YORK report it will be seen that this suggestion has been anticipated, and that the important measure is already in operation.

That the Receipts of the present year are—

For the support of the National Schools,
Donations £1662. 0s. 2d. *Collections after Sermons* £118. 3s. 8½d.
Annual Subscriptions £547. 16s. 6d.

For the support of the Sunday Schools,
Collections after Sermons £594. 3s. 2d. *Annual Subscriptions*
 £603. 15s. 1d. *Legacies, &c.* £41. 16s. .

And that the number of Children under instruction in the
 Daily and Sunday Schools, are—

In the GRANBY-ROW National School, *Boys* 191 .. *Girls* 112
 SALFORD..... ditto 280 123
Sunday Schools.

No. 1.—COLLEGIATE Church	120	153
2.—ST. ANN'S	50	75
3.—ST. MARY'S.....	106	80
4.—ST. PAUL'S	611	659
5.—ST. JOHN'S	260	220
6.—ST. JAMES'S.....	106	158
7.—ST. MICHAEL'S	485	490
8.—ST. PETER'S	100	107
9.—ST. CLEMENT'S	786	1066
10.—TRINITY	207	224
11.—ST. STEPHEN'S	477	475

The Committee in conclusion thus sum up the pretensions of the National Schools upon public liberality. "Obviously the claims, which the National Schools prefer, are of the first order. They are calculated to prevent the numerous evils, which arise from the ignorance and insensibility of the lower classes, and to diminish the heavy public burdens, which thence become necessary. They combine the interests of the community with those of the Individuals. Of a permanent character, they will benefit not only the generation that now is, but ages to come. Superior to ordinary charity, which too often regards the body only, they improve the soul and extend their effects to eternity."

MACCLESFIELD SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that their new School being completed, at an expence of upwards of £2000., the necessary preparations made, and Visitors regularly appointed, it has been opened: and that some progress has been made in the instruction of the Children, and a visible improvement produced in their conduct. That sewing and knitting form a part of the instruction in the Girl's School; and the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £65. *Collections after Sermons* £45.

Payment of Children £40.

Daily School, Boys and Girls200.

Sunday Ditto, ditto120.

TALLERN GREEN SCHOOL,

HANMER PARISH, FLINTSHIRE:

INSTITUTED 1812.

LORD KENYON reports, that the Schools proceed as stated in the last account, and that there are at present under instruction—

Boys 69. *Girls* 72.

**CHICHESTER,
SUSSEX EASTERN DISTRICT.**

THE Secretary reports, generally, that the Schools multiply and are enlarged, but returns no specific reply to the NATIONAL SOCIETY'S enquiries. From the last year's statement it appears, that the Schools in Union, and the number of Children under instruction were—

At BRIGHTHELMSTON, <i>Boys and Girls</i>	300
HAILSHAM	70
CHIDDINGLY	40
NEWHAVEN	83
BARCOMBE	100
WARBLETON.....	40
RIPE	20
MAYFIELD....	100

From the Patrons of the COWFOLD and EAST GRINSTEAD Schools, separate reports have been received.

COWFOLD NATIONAL SCHOOL;

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Vicar reports, that the Children have acquired as much Religious instruction as could be expected, for the time of their attendance, and that the beneficial effects of the System is very manifest, in the propriety of their behaviour, and their desire of improvement. That a pew has been provided for them in the Church: that he acts as a Visitor, and attends daily: and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are

*Annual Subscriptions £47. 8s. Daily Scholars, Boys 57.
Sunday School, ditto 15.*

FOREST ROW SCHOOL,
EAST GRINSTED PARISH.

THE Right Honourable the SPEAKER reports, that the upper classes can read and write: know the four first rules of arithmetic: are also well acquainted with the Church Catechism, and Ostervald's Abridgement of the Bible, and read in the New Testament. That they are more orderly since they have been brought under the influence of the National System, and that their Parents are thankful for the instruction which they receive. That the Parish Church, being beyond the distance which the smaller Children can walk, Divine Service, according to the Liturgy of the Church of England, is performed every Sunday in the School-room, at which they all attend. That needle-work is well taught, and well performed in the Girl's School: that it is visited frequently by himself and his family when in the Country, and that the number of Children under instruction, is—

Boys 23. Girls 29.

SUSSEX WESTERN DISTRICT:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children in the Central School has far exceeded their expectations, and that the moral effects of the System on the conduct of the Children are already visible, in an increasing decency, regularity, and respectfulness of behaviour; and that their Parents, who were at first prejudiced against it, are now become fully sensible of its great advantages, and very grateful for the benefits imparted.

That in the Western District of the County, the System is proceeding gradually, 7 Masters and one Mistress having

been trained in the Central School, one School-room, viz. at BILLINGHURST, enlarged at an expence of upwards of £130.: two Schools admitted into Union, viz. those of MUNDHAM and AUGMERING, and an additional number of Children to the amount of nearly 250 brought under instruction. That the Schools are in general confided to the Superintendence of the Clergymen of the respective Parishes, and are inspected annually by two Visitors from the District Committee: that satisfactory reports of their progress have been received. That the Children all regularly attend their Parish Churches.

That at BOXGROVE and AUGMERING advantage has been taken of old foundations, which have been rendered much more extensively beneficial by the economical and efficient provisions of the National System; and that at CHICHESTER, two antient Charity Schools have been incorporated with the Central School. That the erection of School-rooms, and the establishment of District-Schools, for which their funds are at present, and appear likely to continue altogether inadequate, would be the most effectual means of extending the National System; and that the annexed Table exhibits the returns of the Central School, and all the Schools in Union with it.—

		No. of Schools.	Boys now under instruction.	Girls now under instruction.	* Boys instructed, and gone to Work or Service.	* Girls instructed, and gone to Work or Service.
CHICHESTER Dis.	CENTRAL SCHOOLS	2	167	107	30	20
	BOXGROVE	2	60	83	15	9
	MUNDHAM Sun. Sch.	1	18	32		
MIDHURST Dist.	MIDHURST	1	90	..	28	
	COWDRY	1	..	115	..	11
HORSHAM District	HORSHAM	1	68	42	12	10
	BILLINGHURST ..	1	85	48	12	13
PETWORTH Dist.	PETWORTH	1	95	10	3	
STEYNING Dis.	STEYNING	1	77	41		
ARUNDEL	AUGMERING	1	43	36		

* Since the first opening of the Schools.

From the two following Schools, not noticed in the Report of the Western District Committee, separate reports have been received.

HENFIELD SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that the different classes are all proceeding to their satisfaction in the elementary Books in use in the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL; that considerable improvement appears in the general conduct of the Children; and that much satisfaction and gratitude is expressed by their Parents, to some of whom there is reason to believe that the beneficial influence of the System has extended. That the Children are provided with seats round the altar, and regularly attend their Parish Church; and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £80. 15s.—Boys 90.

BROADWATER VILLAGE SCHOOL.

THE Secretary reports, that the School being only just opened, much improvement cannot be expected. That more orderly behaviour and greater cleanliness have already been produced. That needle-work, knitting, and straw-platting, forms a part of the instruction of the School, which is constantly superintended by himself, the Rector, and his Lady, to whose bounty it owes its chief support, having no other resources besides the produce of the Children's work, and a small payment

from the Children, who are not Parishioners, and that the numbers at present under instruction are—

Daily School..... Girls 70.

Sunday ditto Ditto 30,

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DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1813.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that the School is now in its infancy. That sufficient accommodation is provided for the Children at Church; and that the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £130.—Boys 50. Girls 80.

CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that the Children are instructed in the Church Catechism, entire and broken into short questions: that they are become more respectful in their behaviour; and that the benefits conferred are received with thankfulness by the Parents. That they all attend Divine Service in their own Parish Churches. That a Girls' School is much wanted, and will be formed when the debt, already contracted, is paid off; and that the number of Children under instruction is—

Boys 230.

EXETER

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, that the new building for the Central School, stated in the last annual Account as under consideration, is nearly completed, and will be opened soon after Midsummer, its cost, according to Contract, being £1450., of which Sum £350. remains to be provided. That, in the Central School, the progress of the Children in reading, writing, and arithmetic, is very considerable; and that their advancement in religious knowledge, which is ascertained by frequent examination, gives general satisfaction. That representations, equally favourable, are made from all the Schools in Union; as their respective Conductors concur in stating, that the Children make a far greater progress than under the old method: that they are more orderly in their behaviour, and more decent in their language.

That the National System continues to spread through the County, 9 Schools having been admitted into Union in the course of the present year, several of which are new Establishments, and 380 Children having been added to the number stated in the former report. That new School-Rooms have been built, and old ones repaired, in many places, as will appear in the annexed account of Schools in Union. That 35 Masters have been trained in the Central School, and that four are now under instruction. That the Children, in general, regularly attend their Parish Churches; and that, in the County Parishes, the office of Visitor is, for the most part, undertaken by the Clergyman, and the Ladies of his family.

That in EXETER no advantage has been taken of old foundations, the established Charity Schools still proceeding upon the old System. That in many Country Parishes the introduction of the National System is for the present prevented by consideration for the Masters of established Schools, who would be deprived of their livelihood at an advanced period of life, were their stipends to be transferred into other hands; but that in all the Parishes, where the System has been adopted, the Salaries attached to the old Schools are applied to the support of those which have superseded them.

That in order to advance the System to perfection, and to preserve it in full energy of action, in those Schools which have received it, an annual inspection by a Visitor, from the Central School, is most desirable, could the means of defraying the expence of the circuit be provided; and that for the further extension of the System, pecuniary aid is indispensable, as few Parishes will be induced either to establish new Schools or to re-model old ones, without a prospect of such assistance.

That the state of the Schools in Union, and of their respective resources, as far as they have been reported, is set forth in the following table:—

Parishes.	Children.	Funds.	
CENTRAL SCHOOL.....	310..	£400..	..New Schools.
ALPHINGTON.....	76..	£48.	} Boys' School built by the Lord of the Manor. Girls School much wanted.
BOW.....	50		
BRADNINCH	80..	.....	} School repaired.
BROAD-CLIST	100..	.....
BROADHEMBURY	60..	.....
BUCKFASTLEIGH	160..	....	} The Vicar gives up part of his house for School-rooms.
CADBURY	20..	.....
COLYTON & SHUTE ..	100..	.....
CORNWORTHY	60	} A small Estate.	} Clergyman very desirous to open a School for Girls.

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Parishes.	Children	Funds.	
DARTINGTON	38..	Old Sch.-room in good rep.
EXMOUTH	168..	£78.	Sch.-rm. built by Ld.ROLLE
Ditto Sunday School ..	.....	.....	Just established.
HARBERTON	72..	.....	{ School-room small and in- convenient. Room for Girls much wanted.
HOLDSWORTHY	90..	£80.	
Ditto Sunday School ..	86..	14.	{ School-room rented, wants repair.
KENTON	55..	.....	{ A large Sch.-rm. in good rep.
KINGSKERSWELL	30..	.....
Ditto Sunday School ..	40..	.....
LIFTON	25..	.....
MAKER	130..	.....
St. MARY CHURCH, }	50..	.....
Sunday School.... }			
MOLTON, NORTH	20..	.....
MORCHARD BISHOP ..	70..	.....
NORTHLEW & ASH- }	100..	.....	{ Boy's School repaired by Parish at cost of £60. Girls Sch. much wanted.
BURY			
OTTERY St. MARY ..	100..	£70.	{ School built by Feoffees of Parochial Charities, cost £300.
SHOBROOKE	73..	.....
Ditto Sunday School ..	25..	.....
SIDBURY	45..	.....
SIDMOUTH	46..	.....	{ School-room built by Sub- scription, at cost of £200.
STOKE FLEMING	50..	.....
TAWTON, SOUTH	60..	.....	{ Old Sch.-room wanting rep.
THORVERTON	124..	.....
Ditto Sunday School ..	40..	.....	{ Old School-room in a dila- pidated state.
TOPSHAM	90..	.....	{ New School-room.
TORQUAY	137..	.....
Ditto Sunday School ..	.....	.....	{ Good Room rented, cost fitting up £120.
TORRINGTON, GREAT	75..	.....	{ School-room too small.
WOODBURY	30..	.....

Schools added since last Report:—

BAMPTON	30..	.....	Small School-room.
CHUDLEIGH .....	..	.....	School just established.
DAWLISH	72..	.....	{ New room built by Sub- scription, cost above £100.
MOLTON, SOUTH	140..	.....
POWDERHAM .....	..	.....	{ School-room built by Lord COURTNAY.

Parishes.	Children.	Funds.	
STOWFORD	25..	.....	{ Girl's School of 50 about to be established.
TOTNESS .....	..	.....	{ Good School-rooms rented.
WHIMPLE	34..	.....	{ School-room in good repair.
YARCOMBE.....	60	.....	{ School-room repaired and fitted up at cost of £50.

Preparations for establishing Schools are also making at
BISHOP'S TAWTON, BRAUNSTON, CREDITON, and HONITON.

CORNWALL DISTRICT SOCIETY :

INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, that it is yet too early to speak with any certainty upon the improvement of the Children—that they all regularly attend their respective Parish Churches: that Visitors are regularly appointed to the Central School: and that needle-work and knitting form a part of the instruction of the Female Children. That seven Masters and one Mistress have been trained in the Central School. That there is only one School in the County purely upon the National System, which is not in Union with the Society. That the revenue of old foundations, arising generally from fixed money payments, are, through the depreciation of money, become too insignificant to afford much assistance towards the establishment of the System. That money might be had in the County adequate to the institution and support of as many Schools as the indigent part of its population require, if means were taken to excite a more general feeling of the importance of the measure. That the good work is in progress, and that the number of Schools already formed, and of Children under instruction, are as follow—

CENTRAL SCHOOL, TRURO....*Boys Department* 120
Girls ditto 68

CURY	<i>Children</i> 50
GULVAL.....	50
HELSTONE	<i>Girls</i> 50
ILLOGAN	50
LESKEARD	50
MENHINIOTH	50
TYWARDRETH	50
VERYAN.....	70
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GLOUCESTER.

TEWKESBURY NATIONAL SCHOOL.

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children is satisfactory; and that their conduct, while in School, is orderly and becoming. That they regularly attend Divine Service, on Sundays, at the Parish Church. That there being in the town a large manufactory of Stockings, sewing the seams forms a part of the employment of the female Children. That Visitors are appointed monthly, and regularly attend. That could a better Room be provided, and the Boys be separated from the Girls, a great increase might be made in the number of Children, who now amount to—

Boys 81. Girls 96.

FOREST OF DEAN.

FOREST SCHOOL, NEWLAND DISTRICT:

INSTITUTED 1812.

Mr. PROCTOR reports, that the Children improve in religious knowledge to his satisfaction; and that great thankfulness

is found in the Parents, and affectionate attention in the Children. That a Mistress to teach plain sewing and knitting would be of use in encreasing the School, and detaining the Children much longer in it, as a very high value is set upon these qualifications by the Parents. That the School being extra parochial, Divine Service is performed there, by the license of the BISHOP, every Sunday Afternoon, when all the Children attend. That the Parish of NEWLAND is divided into the four tythings of BREAM, CLEARWELL, COLFORD, and NEWLAND; and that there are Sunday Schools at the two former, the one, for want of a School-Room, very disorderly and on a contracted scale, and the other just established by the Curate, containing 120 Boys, but without a proper room. That the number of Children under instruction, in the FOREST School, are—

Boys 150. Girls 170.

of whom 200 receive daily instruction.

FOREST SCHOOL, MITCHELL DEAN DISTRICT.

INSTITUTED 1810.

Mr. BERKIN reports, that, considering the Children only receive instruction on a Sunday, their progress in reading is as great as can fairly be expected. That many improve themselves by practice at home, and have acquired a portion of religious knowledge by the examinations, in which he exercises them after Service every Sunday, either with reference to the Sermon, or to the portions of Scripture which they have repeated. That the institution of the School continues to have the good effect of bringing many of the Parents to Church, and to promote amendment in the conduct of the Children as

well at home as in School. That the Boys occupy the middle aisle, and the Girls the chancel, of MITCHELL DEAN Church, which they regularly attend every Sunday. That himself and two Gentlemen, who kindly give him their assistance as often as they can, are the only persons concerned in the conduct of the School; and the Contributions of the DUKE of BEAUFORT, Lord GLENBERVIE, and a few other friends, amounting to about £20. per annum, afford the only means of its support; the number of Children rescued from barbarism, and made partakers of the blessings of religious instruction by this small sum, being, during the present year—

Boys and Girls 560.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER NATIONAL SCHOOL.

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Patroness, Mrs. RICE, reports, that on the first admission of the Children in May last few could read, none well, and that not more than six had even an imperfect knowledge of their Catechism; but that now all the Children of five years old, and upwards, are perfect in this excellent summary of Christian principles: that the upper classes have gone through the Catechism broken, and have been instructed in the sense of the Liturgy, by questions from Mrs. TRIMMER'S Teacher's Assistant; and that several of the neighbouring Clergy, who have visited the School, have expressed their satisfaction at the progress that has been made. That general propriety of conduct in the Children, and gratitude in the Parents, as well as more regular attendance at Church, has been the happy result of the Institution. That no works of Industry are introduced, but that it is her intention to select the most deserving to be qua-

lified for becoming servants. That they all attend Divine Service regularly in their Parish Church. That, with the exception of one Donation of Books of the value of £1., and one annual Subscription of a Guinea, the School is supported at her own expence; and that the number of Children under instruction is—

Boys and Girls 85.

HEREFORD

DIOCESAN SOCIETY.

THE Committee report, that the establishment of the Girls' School, formed by the Miss LUXMORES, and entirely under their direction, which was announced in the last annual account, has been followed up by the formation of a School for Boys, which was opened in March last. That of an Institution so recent as the last mentioned all that can be said is, that it is proceeding to the satisfaction of the Committee; but that in the two upper classes of the Girls' School great proficiency has been attained both in reading and understanding the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL Books; that the Children of the upper class especially, are able to answer any question on the subject of their reading lessons; and that the Parents are observed to be more regular in their attendance at Church.

That the Children are all accommodated at Church, the Boys at ALL SAINTS, and the Girls at ST. PETER'S, in HEREFORD, and assemble regularly on Sundays, at the School-Room, two hours before the time of Service, for the purpose of catechetical instruction, when those who have been partially

educated in the Daily School, but are now employed during the week, are permitted to attend for further improvement. That the House now occupied as the Girls' School is very ill calculated for the reception even of the present number of Children, and absolutely precludes the increase which might otherwise be made. That a new School-Room would therefore be the means of greatly extending the benefits of the National System; and that the measure is in contemplation. The funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children, at present, under instruction, are—

Boys' School, Annual Subscriptions £150. Girls' ditto, £54. 16s. 6d. Annual Sermon £20., besides a small endowment.—
Boys 120. Girls 127.

LUDLOW DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the insufficiency of the existing provisions in LUDLOW, and the adjoining Parishes, for the Religious education of the Infant Poor, having become a subject of general solicitude among the principal inhabitants, the Society was instituted at a numerous meeting convened by the High Bailiff.

That the benevolent object of the association was very materially promoted, by the promptitude of the CORPORATION of LUDLOW, as chief Trustees of an old Foundation, for cloathing, educating, and apprenticing Poor Children, in acceding to the proposal of incorporating it with the new establishment, as the Society by this arrangement, was immediately provided, free of all charge, with a commodious School-room, situated in the centre of the town, and close to

the Church, and with an important accession to their resources ; the Corporation having handsomely engaged to adapt the School-Room to the National System at their own expence, and to transfer to the Society, together with the former Scholars, the whole Sum previously expended upon their education, and a considerable part of the Clothing expences.

That the necessary preparations having been made, with all possible dispatch, the School was opened about Midsummer, and through the zealous superintendence of the Visitors, the improvement of the Children has been so much advanced, that the intelligence which they display at the weekly examinations has afforded very general gratification.

That under the sole management, and *daily* superintendence, of a Committee of Ladies, another School has been formed for the *elder* Girls, which is nevertheless considered as a branch of the National School, and subject to its regulations, where, in addition to mental instruction, knitting and needle-work are taught; and that the success which has attended this valuable subsidiary Institution, though of the most flattering kind, is no more than might have been anticipated from the unwearied assiduity bestowed in bringing it to perfection.

That the result of these exertions has been a manifest improvement of the Children in all those points which give respectability to the lower orders, and make them valuable members of society. That the beneficial effects have extended to their Parents, who, from utterly disregarding the education of their Children, are become extremely anxious to have them admitted to the School, even from a distance of three to four miles; and that the Inhabitants of the town have offered their willing and heartfelt acknowledgements for the reformation which has been produced, the sincerity of which has been abundantly proved by their liberal Contributions. That the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

*Interest and Dividends of different Legacies vested in the Corporation of LUDLOW, as Trustees, £63. 6s. 10d.**

Collected at Church 43 2

Annual Subscriptions . . . 150 13 6

£257 2 4

In the principal School, Boys and Girls . . 200.

Ladies School (elder Girls) . . 50.

Sunday School . . 30.

BLANDAFF.

BRIDGEND CO-OPERATING SOCIETY;

INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children has met the most sanguine expectations of the Supporters of the Institution. That the first and second classes are well grounded in religious knowledge; and that the good effects already produced at BRIDGEND, by the Schools, are very evident, not only in the conduct of the Children, but in the gratitude evinced by their Parents for the benefits received. That sewing, knitting, and spinning, have been adopted as works of Industry in the Girls' School, of which it is the principal object to train up useful servants and good mothers of families. That Visitors are appointed monthly, and give regular attendance: that a gallery, in the Church, is appropriated to the Boys; and that benches are provided for the Girls in the body of it. That 5 Masters and 1 Mistress have been trained in the BRIDGEND School. That 4

* Out of this Sum a few Children continue to be clothed and apprenticed.

new Schools have been established, in GLAMORGANSHIRE, upon the National System, viz. at NEATH, COY-CHURCH, PORT-EINON, and PETTRA-DAWE; but that no advantage, as far as their knowledge extends, has been taken of old foundations. And that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £171. 15s.—Boys 85. Girls 70.

LINCOLN

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that, from the necessity of building a new Room, the School was not opened till last October: that very considerable progress has nevertheless been made in the instruction of the Children, particularly in Religion, for which, as well as for the high state of discipline in the School, great praise is due to the attention and diligence of the Master and Mistress, whose merits are universally acknowledged. That no works of Industry have been introduced into the Boys' School; but sewing and knitting form a part of the daily employment of the Girls. That Visitors are appointed, and attend regularly. That the Children attend Divine Service, twice every Sunday, at ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES Church, close to the School: that they bring with them, every Sunday, one penny or two-pence, as they please, to the amount of which, at the end of the year, a considerable addition is made by Contribution: that from this fund such articles of clothing are furnished as they stand most in need of; and that this plan gives great satisfaction to the Parents.

That the expences of building the School, including a house for the Master, and two galleries for the accommodation of the Children at Church, amount to £1513, 13s. That the funds of the weekly Schools, superseded by the new Institution, have been transferred over towards its support. That no Schools have been united with it: that only one Master has been trained; and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £194.—Boys and Girls 270.

LOUTH DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the surprising efficacy of the National System, and the facility which it affords to the acquisition of knowledge, are more and more exemplified in the progress of the Children, and the improvement in their behaviour, which is visible to the whole neighbourhood. That in bearing this testimony to the System; they cannot in justice omit their acknowledgments to the National Central School, for the recommendation of Mr. Reeve, the Master, to whose ability and indefatigable zeal in the discharge of his duty, they do not hesitate to ascribe the present flourishing condition of the School.

That no works of Industry have been introduced, beyond the employment of a few Girls in knitting and plain work, under the direction of several Ladies, the Managers of the Girls' Sunday School, whose voluntary and unremitting attendance for more than a year and a half, is beyond all praise.

That the Children are all accommodated in the Parish Church, and are regular in their attendance. That, through

the medium of the LOUTH National School, no less than 7 other Schools have received supplies of books from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge: that several have been remodelled, according to the National System, by the personal services of Mr. Reeve, or by Children trained in the School as Teachers—and that, on the whole, every possible exertion is made to facilitate the introduction of the System in the neighbouring Parishes.

That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £143. 4s. 6d. *Daily School, Boys* 170, *Girls* 95. *Sunday School, Boys* 52. *Girls* 42. *Total* 296,

GOSBERTON SCHOOL.

THE Superintendant reports, that the adoption of the National System appears to have excited an extraordinary degree of emulation among the Children, and to have rendered them orderly and decent in their general behaviour. That their Parents are exceedingly thankful for the benefits which they receive. That they are all seated in the Chancel of the Parish Church, and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £35. *Daily School, Boys* 25. *Girls* 10. *Sunday School, Boys and Girls additional* 75.

LEICESTER DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that they have proceeded conformably to the Plan and Principles approved at the preceding General Meeting, in instructing Masters, and in furnishing Books to such Schools as have been affiliated to this Society, and have conformed to its Rules. That nearly 20 Masters and Mistresses have been trained for the village Schools; and that 20 Schools are already organized under the direction of this Society. That, conformably to the plan already agreed upon, and, under Contract for £1132., a School has been erected on a scale rarely surpassed, near ST. NICHOLAS' Church, competent to the admission of 500 Children; and that the completion of this arduous undertaking, which will take place in a very few weeks, is, in the highest degree, if not entirely, indebted to the effectual encouragement, and substantial munificence, of the parent NATIONAL SOCIETY. That the Clergy of the County, with the approbation of their venerable DIOCESAN, have contributed, very essentially, to the success of the general purposes of this Society, by advocating its cause in their Churches, and have remitted Collections to the amount of £670.

That provision having been made in the new Central School for the admission of 200 Girls, they have made a successful appeal to the Ladies of the Town and County, and have obtained a most respectable list of Female Contributors.

The Committee report also, that feeling it to be of the highest importance to secure the ultimate object of this Institution,—*the moral and religious education of the Children of the Poor*—they are adopting every measure in their power to

secure a regular attendance of Visitors to the School. That, in order to give the Benefactors and Subscribers a more lively interest in the welfare of the Institution, they have allowed the Subscribers, for every £1. they contribute, to have the nomination of two Children to the School, subject to the approbation of the Committee. By thus drawing closer the links between the higher and lower classes of Society, they excite the former to cultivate a nearer acquaintance with the necessities of the meritorious Poor, and teach the Poor to look up with gratitude to the affluent for encouragement and patronage.

That, after the above careful attention to the establishment of such a Central School, in their County town, as should secure a complete exhibition of the improved System, as well as an efficient Seminary for the training of Masters and Mistresses, the Committee are looking forward, with solicitude, to witness a more complete diffusion of its effects throughout the County. That, for this purpose, they have directed their attention particularly, and have offered pecuniary assistance, to the considerable towns of LOUGHBOROUGH and HINCKLEY—as well as to other places—both towns remarkably destitute of the means of educating their infant Poor; and that they trust that in the ensuing year, the formation of additional Schools, and the extension of those already existing, will prove the beneficial effect of their anxious endeavours.

That the Committee having experienced, for nearly two years, though on a very limited scale, the happy effects of this System, feel themselves warranted in affirming, that the progress of the Children in reading, writing, and arithmetic, is an unanswerable testimony of its utility. And also that the improved demeanor of the Children, and the satisfaction of their Parents, afford the most reasonable grounds of hope, that it will have the most beneficial effect on the Community of the Poor at large.

That from the ardent zeal for the dispersion of the Holy Scriptures now prevailing throughout the Empire, the Com-

Committee anticipate the most effectual support to their finances: that the dispersion of the Scriptures would be unavailing, unless the poor are taught to read them: and therefore, that every friend to such dispersion, cannot but be a friend to the NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE INFANT POOR: And further, that the Committee being aware that instruction in reading is not of itself sufficient to form an useful Member of Society, or a Christian character, have not been inattentive to the *moral* and *Religious* Education of the Children under their immediate care: and that they flatter themselves that the improvement visible in their conduct, as well as their progress, affords a decisive proof of the excellence of a System, which facilitates instruction, economizes time, and cultivates that order, regularity, and discipline, which promise the happiest effects at a more mature age, and tend to the amelioration of the NATIONAL character.

	£.	s.	d.	
Donations	678	8	6	} £1602. 18s. 6d.— £222.
Congregational Collections	600	0	0	
National Society	300	0	0	
Interest	24	10	0	

Ann. Subs.

Schools in Union (of both Sexes.)

	Day Schools.	Sun. Sch.
LEICESTER National School	190	about to be extended to 500
St. MARGARET, LEICESTER	130	
LUBBENHAM	50	50
NETHER-BROUGHTON	35	50
KEGWORTH	54	120
ALLSTONE		60
THRUSSINGTON	30	40
NARBOROUGH		70
KILEY		70
BURROW-UPON-SOAR	50	150
CROFT	40	40
GREAT GLENN		60
CASTLE DONNINGTON		150

	Day Schools.	Sun. Sch.
THURUBY	20	
PRESTWOLD	30	
SEAGRAVE	30	70
KIBWORTH	50	150
WIGSTON	30	100
KNIGHTON		80
NAILESTONE		50
STONEY-STANTON		50

Not in Un on, but adopting the Madras System:

ST. MARTIN'S, LRICESTER	100	150
ST. MARY	120	150
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH	50	

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the Central School, which was described in the last account, submitted to the NATIONAL SOCIETY, as in a state of great forwardness, was completed in August last, having drawn from the District fund £93: 11s. beyond the £400. already specified as the probable expence of the erection; and that, instead of opening it on alternate days, for Boys and Girls, as expressed in a former statement, they had appropriated it exclusively to Boys; the Ladies of the town and neighbourhood engaging to take the support of the Girls' School upon themselves, having hired the Theatre, at £10. per annum, and fitted it up as a School-Room.

That this School was opened in the middle of October; and though not dependant upon the funds of the District, is under the direction of the District Committee.

That the Children have made very considerable progress; have improved in order and decency of appearance; and have been cured, in a great measure, of their bad habits of lying and swearing.

That needle-work and knitting have been taught in the Girls School, with very good success. That both Schools undergo weekly examinations; and that the Boys are accommodated in one of the Churches, and the Girls in the other.

That there is, at present, but one School in Union, besides the 2 Central Schools already mentioned, viz. the School at EYNESBURY, contiguous to ST. NEOT'S, towards the formation of which, £193. was granted from the District fund; but that three others, one at ST. IYES, and 2 at BUCKDEN, are expected shortly to be united; and that a Sunday School has lately been established on the National System, though not united. That one Mistress has been trained in the Central School; and that there is now a young woman under instruction for a School about to be established. That the funds by which the designs of the Society are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations £691. 14s. *Annual Subscriptions* £186. 15s.

At the Central School.....Boys..107

Girls.. 68

EYNESBURY School, Daily, Boys & Girls 70

On Sundays..... ..130

HERTFORD FREE-SCHOOL.

THE Managers report, that very great progress has been made, by the Children, in reading, writing, and arithmetic; as well as in the Church Catechism, and other religious instruction.

sulted to their years ; and that their manners are visibly improved. That their Parents are truly thankful, and enforce their attendance at the School. That no work of Industry has been introduced. That the Clergymen of the two Churches in the town, in each of which a division of the Children attend Divine Service every Sunday, perform punctually the office of Visitors ; and that the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £71. 4s.—Boys 117.

GREAT MARLOW NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE Committee report, that the Children are in different stages of instruction, according to the time of their admission into the School : that the two first classes are nearly in an equal state of improvement, and that the others follow regularly in progression, and make all the progress which may be expected from the excellence of the System. That the conduct of the Children has very obviously been much improved by instruction, and that their Parents, since the establishment of the School, have frequented the Church in greater numbers, than at any former period in the recollection of the inhabitants.

That no works of industry have been introduced. That a Visitor for each week is appointed at their monthly meeting, and that all the Children regularly attend Divine Service in the Parish Church, and are all seated on forms in the Chancel.

That the establishment of a Girl's School would be of essential service to their Parish, nearly the whole of the inhabitants of which, amounting to 4000, are both poor and ignorant. That the Feoffees of an old foundation have expressed

their willingness to promote this object by the transfer of an endowment of £4. 13s. per annum, which they hold in trust for the education of Poor Girls, but that without assistance from some foreign source, they could not raise amongst themselves a sum of money adequate to the undertaking: as the Parish has lately been much impoverished, by the removal of the Military College. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £85. Boys 134.

BURNHAM GORE SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Superintendant reports, that the School was instituted for the education of the Poor of the three contiguous parishes of BURNHAM, TAPLOW, and HITCHAM. That at the expence of upwards of £500., contributed by the Nobility and Gentry in the neighbourhood, a building has been erected, containing two commodious School-rooms; and that, in order to render the benefits as extensive as possible, instruction is afforded on Sundays to such young persons as cannot give their attendance during the week. That the officiating Ministers of the three parishes superintend the department of Religious instruction; and that the superior efficacy of the National System is already visible, in the increasing attention, alertness, and docility of the Children. That all sorts of needle-work are executed in the Girls' School. That the Children attend Divine Service at BURNHAM and TAPLOW Churches. That the Ladies of the neighbourhood have rendered eminent service to the School by assisting in the religious instruction on Sunday afternoons.

That of the three parishes associated in the benevolent undertaking, BURNHAM is the only one in which any old foundations exist for the education of the Poor. That in this parish there is an estate of seven acres of land, yielding at present £12. per annum, besides a small bequest of Lady RAVENSWORTH, at the disposal of the Vicar, under certain strict limitations.

That subordinate to the BURNHAM School, and supported from its funds, another Sunday School is about to be opened opposite Dropmore Gate, for the benefit of such parts of the parishes of BURNHAM and HITCHAM as are not within the reach of the School at BURNHAM GORE, and by this arrangement, it is hoped, sufficient provision will be made for the instruction of all the poor Children in both Parishes. That the School at BURNHAM GORE would yet admit of extension, if money could be found for the enlargement of the School-room.

That the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £113. 18s. *Pence paid by the Children,*
£13. 15s. 10d.

Daily School, Boys 91. *Girls* 52.

Sunday ditto, Boys and Girls, additional, 145.

LITCHFIELD AND COVENTRY

DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

No report, for the present year, has been received from this Society. By the last statement it appears, that, besides the Central Schools, containing from 100 to 150 Boys, and 60 Girls, there are in Union with it, within the Archdeaconry of

STAFFORD, Schools at ELFORD, ELLASTON, HANBURY, TATENHILL, and TIPTON, towards the formation or re-modelling of which, £509. have been granted from its funds; and that the Children under instruction in these several Schools, together with three other Schools then about to be formed, amount to—

Boys and Girls 2150.

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that they have not so completely succeeded in engaging the Inhabitants of COVENTRY to co-operate with them in the formation of their Central School, as the obvious benefits of the Institution, to that populous City, led them to anticipate. That they have, nevertheless, deemed it expedient to make COVENTRY the centre of the District instruction, and have accordingly hired two adjoining Rooms, in a convenient and healthy situation, the one capable of containing 150, and the other 100, Children. That the Master and Mistress have been sent to the School in BALDWIN'S GARDENS for instruction, on whose return the Schools will be opened; and, they promise themselves, that a short experience of the advantages of the National System will reconcile all differences of opinion, and secure the cordial, and liberal support of the enlightened part of the Inhabitants.

That, in order to obtain accurate information of the wants of the ARCHDEACONRY, with respect to education, they had circulated letters of enquiry, and had ascertained that in 46 of its 144 Parishes, only 212 Children are without the means of instruction.

That, in consequence of their recommendation, 2 Schools have been established, and are united with the Archdeaconry Society. That the System is introduced into 8 other Schools, which have not yet been united, and that 4 new School-rooms have been erected.

That all the returns particularize the attention paid to Religious instruction, the regular attendance of the Children at the parish Churches, their extraordinary progress under the new System, and the great amelioration which has taken place in their manners. That, with three exceptions, Visitors are regularly appointed. That needle work and knitting form a part of the education only in three of the Girl's Schools: that the number of Children under instruction, and the funds by which the different Schools are supported, are as follows—

Schools in Union—

		Boys & Girls.	Funds.
ATHERSTONE	Sunday School	240	Annual Subscriptions
FOLESHILL	Daily Ditto	40	Bequest of late Mrs. WRIGHT
	Sunday Ditto	210	Voluntary Contributions

Schools upon National System, not United—

BAGINGTON	Daily School	50	{ Supported solely by Mrs. PRICE
BILTON	Ditto	50	{ Ann. Bequest £10. Ann. Subs. £30. New room £70.
COLESHILL	Ditto	40	{ Old foundation of DIGBY Family
	Sunday Ditto	84	Voluntary Contributions
EXHALL	Daily Ditto	10	{ Endowment £10. Collection after Sermon £7. New room £200.
FARNBOROUGH	Ditto	65	Endowment £41.
ST. JOHN'S, COVENTRY	Ditto	50	Contributs. of Parishioners
MERIDEN			{ Supported by the DIGBY Family. New room
NUNEATON	3 Days	270	{ Annual Subscriptions £200. New room £200.

BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that great advances have been made, by the Boys, both in reading and writing, and knowledge of religion; and that, in general, a singularly good effect has been produced upon their conduct by the discipline of the School.

That a School for Girls ~~has been~~ fitted up at an additional expence of £450. beyond the £1500. stated in the last account; and that it has been recently opened for the admission of Children.

That Visitors are appointed, and are regular in their attendance: that no works of Industry are introduced, the Children being taken into the Manufactories at an early age. That, by the assistance of the Churchwardens, the whole of the Children are accommodated at Church. That the funds of the Society have been much increased by additional Subscriptions; and that such is the economy and efficiency of the System, that they are enabled to double the privilege of the Members, and to authorize them to present two Children, of each sex, for every guinea contributed. That the receipts of the present year, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations and Annual Subscriptions £615. 18s. 4d.—Boys 450.
Girls 200.

ERDINGTON SCHOOL.

ASTON PARISH.

THE Committee report, that the Children have made as much improvement as can be expected in the time, and are

greatly benefited in all respects. That there are Visitors regularly appointed. That needle-work is taught in the Girls' School. That the Children are with difficulty accommodated at Church. That the distance of this populous Hamlet from the Parish Church is an inconvenience which cannot be remedied without the erection of a new place of worship. That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £94. 9s. 6d.—Boys 70. Girls 52.

EATINGTON SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1814.

THE Foundress, Mrs. SHIRLEY, reports, that the School has been established only six weeks. That the Girls are partly employed in knitting, sewing, and platting straw; and the Boys also are taught to knit. That the School is supported by herself, and under her sole superintendence. That the Children regularly attend Church; and their numbers are—

Boys and Girls 48.

DERBY CO-OPERATING SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the plan, upon which the Institution was established, of opening the School on alternate evenings, for Children of each sex, has fully answered its purpose, of extending instruction to many young persons whose

daily employments occupy every other portion of their time; That religious knowledge continues to be assiduously inculcated, together with other kinds of instruction. That the Children, in general, resort to the School with alacrity; and that a spirit of emulation pervades all the Classes. That an evident improvement in their manners and behaviour has been produced; and that the benefit has been sensibly felt by some of the Parents, who have lately transmitted the most cordial testimonies of gratitude for the attention paid to the happiness and interests of their Children.

That the Girls are instructed in making up articles of wearing apparel, under the superintendence of the Ladies, who have taken upon themselves the office of Visitors. That periodical examinations take place in the Boys' School. That they all regularly attend Divine Service at the Parish Church. That the Scholars are considerably reduced in numbers, since last year; many Children having been taken away to assist their Parents by the earnings of their daily labour, in consequence of the encreased employment offered to Children of 7 years old, and upwards, in the Manufactories.

That they have taken great pains to recommend the adoption of the National System in the County at large, by the circulation of their Reports; and that it has been introduced into the Schools of SOUTH NORMANTON and WILNE-MILLS, at the former of which places a School-room has been erected, and is about to be adopted at TICKNALL, where an antient endowment will be applied to its support; but that none of these Schools are in Union, nor do they know the number of Children admitted into each.

That the funds by which the Institution is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions. £336. 19s. 9d.—
Daily School Boys 200. Girls 135.
Evening School 75. 79.

OSWESTRY SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the Schools are of too recent establishment to admit of any estimate being made of the improvement of the Children, either in their learning or behaviour. That no works of industry are introduced, but that Visitors are appointed to superintend the School, and that good accommodation is made in the Parish Church for all the Children. That Schools are pretty generally established in the neighbourhood, and that the number of Scholars under instruction at OSWESTRY, is—

Boys 50. Girls 120.

PENLEY SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1811.

LORD KENYON reports, that the practice of publicly examining the Children in the principles of religion, and particularly in the Church Catechism, is continued on the Wednesdays in Lent, by the Rev. Mr. COOPER, the Curate, who has greatly increased the interest and the usefulness of this exercise, by delivering Lectures, on the same days, on this valuable summary of Christianity. That the progress of the Children is ascertained and stimulated by half-yearly examinations, and small prizes given according to attendance and merit; and that their improvement proceeds as last reported. That many of their Parents and Friends have expressed great gratitude for the instruction afforded them, and the result is, their more regular attendance at Church, and a very

gratifying increase in the number of Communicants. That the number of Children under instruction is—

Boys 65. Girls 64.

NORWICH
DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that an examination, which has recently taken place at the Central School, has afforded very satisfactory proof of the improvement of the Children in all parts of their education; and that its good effects upon their conduct is very conspicuous. That, with a view to the benefit of the numerous Poor, whose Children are occupied during the week, they opened, at Midsummer last, a Sunday School for 200 Girls, and, with the assistance of some Gentlemen of the City, are proceeding to the institution of a similar Establishment for Boys.

That they have continued to encourage the formation and re-modelling of Schools in the County, by training Masters, and supporting them whilst in attendance at the Central School; by the gratuitous supply of elementary Books on the first opening of Schools; and by Grants of Money towards the erection and annual support of Schools. That 18 Masters and 7 Mistresses have been trained, at an expence to the Society of £74. 13s., and are now conducting Schools in the County; and that 6 active, intelligent Boys, from among the Teachers of the Central School, have been sent, at different times, to assist in the first arrangement of Schools, and have greatly facilitated their organization. That 70 dozen sets of cards, and 2000 of the initiatory Books, besides a proportionate number of Prayer-books, Slates, and Pencils, the whole amounting in value to

nearly £70., have been issued, gratis, from the depository at the Central School; and that upwards of £280., in pecuniary Grants, has been either expended or appropriated during the year, a large portion of which is in permanent allowances.

That by these means, in addition to the Sunday Schools at NORWICH, already specified, 15 New Schools have been formed and united with the Society during the present year, containing near 1000 Children, and advancing the number of Schools in Union to 58, independently of the Central Schools; and that 8 School-rooms have been either entirely built, or repaired and enlarged, at the average cost of £100, each. That at NORWICH, BLOFIELD, AYLSHAM, SHIPDHAM, and MORLEY-ST.-BOTOLPH, advantage has been taken of old foundations, as also at YARMOUTH, though the School, together with that at WICKLEWOOD House of Industry, conducted also upon the National System, is not in Union with the Society.

That the reports from such of the Deanery Committees as have been received, are very satisfactory as to the state and progress of the Schools within their respective Boundaries: That the Clergy in general act as Superintendants: that the Children all attend regularly their respective Parish Churches: and that the number of Children under instruction will appear by the following table:—

Places.

CENTRAL SCHOOL, Boys and Girls 185.
Ditto Sunday School, Girls... ..100.

WAXHAM DEANERY.

Rev. WILLIAM GUNN, *Secretary.*

	Description of Schools.	Boys & Girls.	Superintendants.
ASHMANHAUGH with BEESTON	} Sunday School	20	Rev. G. PRESTON
BACTON *	Day & Sunday	21	Rev. G. AUFRERE
BARTON TURF	Sund. & 1 Day	76	Rev. WM. GUNN

* Endowment for 12.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys & Girls.	Superintendents.
DILHAM * .....	.....	34	Rev. H. HUNTER
HOVETON, ST. PETER'S, & ST. JOHN	No Report ..	25	{ Last Year's statement
HONING	Daily Schools,	16	Parish Fund
HORNING	{ not yet united.	45	Ditto
PASTON	{ Sunday School.	25	{ Last Year's statement
	{ No Report.		
SLOLEY	Sunday School	34	Rev. R. CUBITT
Smallburg†	Sund. & 1 Day	83	Rev. E. DAUBENY
STALHAM	Sunday School	51	Rev. R. CUBITT
WALSHAM, NORTH	2 Days	33	
Ditto	Sunday School	93	Rev. Dr. HAY
WITTON & CROSTWICK,	Schools established, but no return received.		

REDENHALL DEANERY.Rev. WILLIAM WHITEAR, *Secretary.*

BILLINGFORD & THORPE	{ Sunday and 2 Afternoons }	67	
BROCKDISH & SHELFANGER	Sunday .....	..	Not yet united.
Dickleburg	{ Sunday and 2 Afternoons }	40	School-room built
Diss	{ Sunday, no Report	100	{ Last Year's statement
GISSING	Sund. & 1 Day	54	Rev. G. LEATHES
PULHAM St. MARY	Sunday	60	Rev. C. BOUTELL
PULHAM MARKET..	Ditto	75	Ditto
REDENHALL†	{ Do. & 2 Aftern. Sunday Ev. do. }	146	{ Rev. Archdeacon
	{ elder Children }	73	{ OLDERSHAW
ROYDON	Sun. & 1 Aftern.	79	Rev. T. FREER
RUISHALL	Sunday	36	Rev. W. WHITEAR
STARSTON	Do. & 1 Morning	32	Ditto

BROOKE DEANERY.Rev. J. IVES, & Rev. WILLIAM CASTILL, *Secretaries.*

BEDINGHAM	{ Sunday School, no Report }	48	{ Last Year's statement
BROOKE	Daily School	64	{ School-room erected by G. S. KETT, Esq.

* School reduced by the ill health of the Master.

† Schools printed in Italics have been united since last Report.

‡ The Children of HARLESTON, WORTWELL, and MENDHAM, are received into this School. Room purchased and fitted up at £190. 10s.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys & Girls.	Superintendents.
Gillingham	Sunday	40	Rev. J. LEWIS
KIRBY BEDON	{ Changed from Sun. School to Day Sch. }	8	
SEETHING	5 Days	65	

BLOFIELD DEANERY.Rev. J. D. BARTON, *Secretary.*

BLOFIELD	{ Daily School Sunday ditto }	70 100	{ Room enlarged & fitted up at con- siderable expence }
POSTWICK	{ Sun.Sch.chang- ed to Daily Sch. }	30	

At ACLE and SOUTH WALSHAM want of Premises still continues.

INGWORTH DEANERY.Rev. J. D. CHURCHILL, *Secretary.*

AYLSHAM	Daily School	160	Room enlarged.
ERPINGHAM	Ditto	25	

HINGHAM DEANERY.

HINGHAM*	Every Aftern.	100	{ Hon. & Rev. W. WOODHOUSE.
DEREHAM	Ditto ..	185	Rev. C.H. WOLASTON
MORLEY	Sunday	50	Rev. J. HOWARD.
MORLEY St. BOTOLPH	Ditto	30	Ditto.
DEEPHAM	Ditto	44	Ditto.
Mittishall	Ditto	75	Rev. M. CARTHEW
Shipdham	Daily	100†	Rev. C. BULLOCK.
Hookering	No report.		

BRISLEY DEANERY.

Elmham .....	.....	100	
Little Dunham† ....	.....	40	Rev. —JOWELL.
Litcham ... ..	.....	50	Rev. W. NEWCOME.

BURNHAM DEANERY.

Burnham Market ..	.....	80	Rev. J. GLASS.
SCULTHORPE .....	.....	65	Rev. H. MARSHAM

* The Children of ELLINGHAM, HARDINGHAM, HOCKFORD, and WOODRISING are instructed in this School.

† Old School-room considerably enlarged.

‡ Room built by R. MILLS, Esq.

CRANWICH DEANERY.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Boys & Girls.	Superintendants.
SWAFFHAM	135	Rev. Archd. YOUNG
Mundford with Toft	50	

DEPWADE DEANERY.

ASHWELLTHORPE	46	Rev. J. S. CANN.
Fornet St. Mary*	No returns.		

HEGG DEANERY.

Winterton	100	
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HITCHAM DEANERY.

THORNHAM	Every Aftern.	94	Mr. SHARPE.
Hunstanton.	No report.		

HOLT DEANERY.

HUNWORTH & STODY Sunday	65	Rev. H. MARSHAM
Bale	Ditto	50	Rev. R. BEVAN.

FOFTREES DEANERY.

RYBURGH	100	
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ROCKLAND DEANERY.

BARNAM	Sunday	100	Rev. J. SURTEES.
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HUMBLEYARD DEANERY.

BRACON ASH	80 to 100	
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DEANEARY.

GREAT YARMOUTH	150	
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SUFFOLK DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children at the Central Schools of BURY and IPSWICH, both in religious

* The Children of FORNCET St. PETER, and HARTON, are instructed in this School.

knowledge, and in the other branches of instruction, has been very satisfactory, not merely to the Visiting Committees, but to many other persons who have inspected and examined them. That similar reports have been received from many of the Schools in Union, and that the Children have been particularly noticed for the correctness of their behaviour at Church, and for the striking improvement which has generally taken place in their conduct.

That sewing and knitting form a part of the instruction in the two Central Girls Schools, and in several of those dispersed throughout the County. That Visiting Committees regularly inspect the former Establishments, and that the latter are generally well superintended by the Parochial Clergy: that in all cases the Children attend Divine Service in their parish Church, seats having been fitted up, at the expence of the Society, for the Children of the two Central Schools, in the Churches of St. Mary Tower, at IPSWICH, and St. James's, at BURY.

That several Schools have been admitted into Union since the last statement was submitted, but that an accurate account of them cannot be transmitted, as the returns are not yet received. That 12 Masters have been qualified for conducting Schools upon the National System: that at HALESWORTH a new School-room has been built, the cost not known; and that at FRAMLINGHAM advantage has been taken of an old Foundation, the National System having been introduced into an endowed Free-School in that place, which has thus been rendered essentially serviceable in diffusing the System through the surrounding neighbourhood, and in forming Masters for its several Schools; and that both at BURY and at IPSWICH the Governors of the Charity Schools of old establishment have rendered them very valuable auxiliaries to the System, by giving a decided preference to the Scholars of the Central Schools, when filling up vacancies in their respective Institutions.

That the whole number of Children in the 47 Schools, mentioned in the last report, amounted to 3183, of whom 1788 receive in-

struction on Sundays only; 263 on one day in addition to the Sunday; 192 on two days; 263 on three days; and 704 daily: and that the following table exhibits all the particulars; the resources of last year being—

Donations and Subs. £792. 12s. 6d. Dividends £109. 18s. 10d.

Places.	Description of Schools.	Superintendants.	No. of Children.
IPSWICH	CENTRAL SCHOOL .....	.....	272
BURY	DITTO .....	.....	209
BACTON	Sund.&1Day .....	.....	106
BADDINGHAM ..	Sunday....	Rev. C. FISHER	118
BARHAM	Three Days	Rev. WM. KIRBY	83
BECCLES... ..	Daily	Rev. BENCE BENCE ..	120
BRAMFORD*	Ditto	{ N. L. ACTON, Esq. and Rev. G. NAYLOR .. }	120
BRANDESTON ..	Sunday....	{ Rev. WM. CLUBBÉ, & Rev. W. HENCHMAN }	63
CLAYDON†.....	Daily ....	.....	34
COMBS	Sunday....	Rev. CHARLES DAVY	89
CREETING ST. PETER	Ditto	Ditto	16
CRETINGHAM ..	Ditto	Rev. W. HENCHMAN..	65
CROWFIELD	Ditto	Rev. J. LONGE	30
DALLINGHOE and CHARSFIELD ..	Ditto	Rev. WM. BROWNE ..	50
DALHAM & MOULTON	Ditto	Rev. EDW. WILSON ..	50
DENNINGTON ..	Ditto	Rev. F. HOTHAM	128
EASTON & LETHERINGHAM	Ditto	{ Rt. Hon. E. of ROCHFORD And Rev. J. CHELTON }	55
FINNINGHAM....	Sund.&1Day	Rev. T. FRERE	70
FORNHAM ALL SAINTS	Sunday....	Rev. G. V. GOOLD ..	50
FRAMLINGHAM ..	Free-S.daily Sundayditto	Rev. WM. BROWNE ..	40 155
FRESTON.....	Sunday Sch.	Rev. J. BOND.....	12
GOSBECK	Ditto	Rev. G. CAPPER	28
HACHESTON	Ditto	Rev. G. F. TAVEL....	60
HALESWORTH ..	Daily	Rev. J. ARAME	107
HARVESTAD	Sunday....	Rev. H. D. BERNERS	50

*The Children of BURSTALL, BLAKENHAM PARVA, SPROUGHTON, and WHITTON, are instructed in this School.

† Girls from ARDENHAM and BARHAM, are received into this School.

Places.	Description of of Schools.	Superintendants.	No. of Children.
HAVERHILL	Daily & Sun.	Rev. F. MEREWETHER	107
HAUGHLEY	Sunday.....	Rev. E. WARD	90
HAWKEDON	(preparing)		
HINDERCLAY....	Sunday.....	Rev. Mr. HEPWORTH	104
KETTLEBOROUGH	Ditto	Rev. G. TURNER	50
LAVENHAM.....	(preparing)		
LIVERMERE	Daily	Rev. P. LATHBURY ..	24
LOUND	Ditto	Mr. PREB. ANGUISH..	80
LOWESTOFT	Ditto	{ Rev. R. LOCKWOOD, & } Rev. B. BETSON .. }	60
NACTON	Ditto	Rev. J. JULIAN	72
NAYLAND	Ditto	Rev. W. E. SIMMS	123
NEWMARKET....	Daily & Sun.	{ Rev. T. J. ABBOTT, & } Mr. R. BAILEY }	192
PAKENHAM	Ditto	{ Rev. G. BOLDERO, and } J. SINGLETON, Esq. }	120
PARHAM	Sunday.....	Rev. G. F. TAVEL....	60
PETTAUGH	Ditto	Rev. E. BELLMAN	40
RUSHMERE.....	Ditto	Rev. J. & W. EDGE ..	54
STOKE ASH.....	Ditto	Rev. J. WARD.....	50
SWEFFLING and } RENDHAM	{ Ditto	{ Rev. Mr. MORGAN, & } Mr. NEWTON	70
SWILLAND	Ditto	Rev. J. C. COOKE	20
WESTERFIELD ..	Ditto	{ Rev. JAMES HITCH, & } MILESON EDGAR, Esq. }	20
WETHERDEN	Ditto	Hon. & Rev. H. LESLIE	51
WRENTHAM	Ditto	{ Sir THOMAS GOOCH, Bt. } & Rev. WM. BARLEE }	120
YAXLEY	Ditto	Rev. ROBERT ROSE ..	60

OXFORD

UNIVERSITY CHARITY SCHOOL.

THE Superintendent reports, that there are no Schools in Union with this Institution, but that several Masters and Mistresses have been trained, some of whom are conducting Schools, formed upon the National System, in the Diocese. That the University School was engrafted upon an old foun-

lation; and that the Corporation of OXFORD are taking the same method of extending the benefits of education in the City, by means of the New System. That at WITNEY also National Schools have been formed both for Boys and Girls, and two new School-rooms erected by Subscription; but that the state of these Schools is not known. That Schools have been formed at WOOLVERCOTT and MERTON by the Rev. Mr. HAYE, Fellow of EXETER College. And that the number of Children under instruction are—

UNIVERSITY Charity School.....*Boys* 260.
 Mrs. MACBRIDE's School, in OXFORD...*Girls* 160.
 WOOLVERCOTT *Boys* 30
 MERTON *Boys & Girls* 30.

PETERBOROUGH.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that since the last account, 7 Schools have been formed in different parts of the Diocese, and received into Union, some of which have been assisted from the funds of the Society. That, in several instances, advantage has been taken of old foundations. That regular Visitors have been mostly, if not universally, appointed. That no works of Industry have been as yet introduced. That accommodations are provided for the Children in their respective Churches. That in many of the Schools the Children have made considerable progress in learning, and are visibly improved in conduct and manners; and that, exclusive of local resources in various Parishes, the funds by which the designs of the Society are supported, and the number of Children in the several Schools, are—

Donations £2014. 9s. *Annual Subscriptions* £436. 7s.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.....	Boys 100. Girls 60.
AYNHOE.....	Boys and Girls 50.
CORBY & STANION	from 60 to 80.
DAVENTRY	96.
DESBOROUGH	50.
KETTERING.....	120.
KING'S CLIFF	86.
LONG BUCKBY.....	100.
OUNDLÉ	80.
* THORPE ACHURCH.....	60.
STOW-NINE-CHURCHES	70.
† WESTON.....	60.
‡ YARDLEY HASTINGS	67.

ROCHESTER.

DARTFORD AND SHOREHAM DEANERY SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the Central School-room, situated at BROMLEY, has been recently completed, at an expense of about £600, and opened for the reception of Children. That at CRAYFORD a new School-room has been erected, and instruction, which was before limited to the Sunday, is now afforded every day in the week. That at ELTHAM a School has been formed, and a School-room erected at the cost of £800. That these Schools are all united to the Deanery

* The School at THORPE ACHURCH receives the Children of the adjacent Parishes.

† The Children of the Parishes of SUTTON ASHLEY and WALHAM are received at WESTON.

‡ The Children of CASTLE ASHBY, DENTON, WHISTON, and BACON, are received into the YARDLEY School.

Society; and that considerable progress has been made in the formation of Schools at CHISLEHURST and KEMPING-CUM-SEAL.

That at BROMLEY the Trustees of a fund, for the education of 30 Children, have agreed to place them at the Central School, and to apply the annual income, under the direction of the Central Committee, in the purchase of Clothing, as rewards, for the most deserving objects in the new Establishment. And, that at ELTHAM, advantage has been taken of an old foundation School for Boys, established by the Will of Mrs. ELIZABETH LEGATT; the Trustees having liberally engaged to pay £20. per annum towards the Salary of the Master, and £2. 2s. towards the other expences of the School.

That the Children of these Schools attend their respective Parish Churches; but that, from the experience of only a few weeks, no report can be made of their improvement either in knowledge or behaviour. That Visitors are appointed, but no work of Industry is yet introduced. That, in the Schools both of BROMLEY and ELTHAM, small weekly payments, from such as can afford it, form a part of the resources of the Schools, which amount at ELTHAM to £12. per annum; and that the other funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

<i>At BROMLEY, Annual Subs. £90. Collections after Sermons £40.</i>	
	<i>Boys and Girls 150.</i>
<i>ELTHAM, Ann. Subs. £134 8s. 6d.</i>	<i>Ditto 160.</i>
<i>CRAYFORD, Ann. Subs. £60.</i>	<i>Boys 72. Girls 69.</i>

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL.

THE Trustees report, that the new System having been only a few weeks in operation, they are not authorized to say more, than that the conduct of the Scholars is perfectly or-

derly, and that the Parents in the neighbourhood are extremely anxious to obtain admission for their Childten into the School, which is supported from rents of land, devised by Lady Boswell for the education of poor Children, and other charitable purposes. That no works of Industry have yet been introduced, but that seats have been prepared for the accommodation of the Children in the Parish Church, and that the numbers at present are—

Boys 60. Girls 50.

BEXLEY SCHOOL.

THE Vicar reports, that the Children make regular progress in the various books of Religious and other instruction in use in the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL, and that an increase of propriety is visible in their conduct, as well as in that of many of their Parents. That the Schools are constantly superintended by Visitors: that plain work, marking, and knitting, form a part of the employment of the Girls: that the Children are well accommodated in Church, but that a School-room for the Girls is very much wanted. That in addition to the Children of his own Parish, those of NORTH CRAY have this year been admitted, that Parish paying £10. per annum for their education. That upon the formation of the School, the rent of some Parish houses, amounting to £8. per annum, and left expressly to the purpose of educating the Poor, was recovered from long misapplication; and that the other funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £70. Portion of offerings at Sacrament £5. 5s. Boys 45. Girls 45.

PENSHURST SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Rector reports, that a School-room having been erected capable of holding 200 Children, at an expence of about £300., the School was opened for the benefit of the uneducated Poor in his own, and the two adjoining Parishes. That the Children are all making suitable progress in the books of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, and seem disposed to be more orderly and decent in their behaviour, whilst their Parents evidently set a high value upon their admission into the School. That the principal Subscribers act as Visitors: that the Girls are taught needle work, knitting, and spinning, in addition to their other instruction: that open seats in the Chancel furnish all the Children with good accommodation at Church, and that their present numbers, and the funds by which the School is supported, are—

Annual Subscriptions £59. Boys and Girls 85.

ROYAL MILITARY REGIMENTAL
SCHOOL, WOOLWICH.

No report has been received this year. According to the last year's statement, the number of Children was—

Boys 400. Girls 102.

SALISBURY
DIOCESAN SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1811.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children in the Diocesan School, both in religious and other knowledge, has

been gradual, and equal to what could reasonably be expected; and that the good effect of instruction is visible in the improved civility of their manners, and in their general conduct. That no works of industry, except knitting and needle-work, have been introduced: that, in addition to the regular Committee of Management and Inspection, two Gentlemen and two Ladies have undertaken a weekly visitation of the respective Schools; and that seats having been provided for their accommodation by direction of the very Reverend the DEAN, all the Children attend the Cathedral Church.

That from the inconvenient situation of SALISBURY, at the extremity of the county, the Schools formed in many of the principal towns, are not in union with the Diocesan School. That the establishment of several new Schools is in contemplation. That 2 Masters and 1 Mistress have been trained in the Diocesan School. That advantage has been taken of old foundations in some Sunday Schools. That there are in SALISBURY two Schools, containing from 50 to 60 Children, which are conducted upon the National System, but not in Union; and that the funds by which the Diocesan School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Subscriptions and Interest £185.—Boys 144. Girls 123.

TROWBRIDGE DISTRICT SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

No report has been received from this Society. The numbers according to the last statement—

Day School, Boys 112. Girls 50. Evening ditto, Boys and Girls 96. Sunday ditto 200.

MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL.

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the National System of instruction is pursued at MARLBOROUGH with great success, and that the Children are become more orderly in their behaviour, and the Parents are generally grateful. That needle-work and knitting are taught in the Girls School: that Visitors are appointed to both Schools, and that the Ladies are regular in their attendance. That accommodation is provided for the Children in the Parish Churches; and that the funds by which the Schools are supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Annual Subscriptions £90. Collections after Sermons £23.

Boys 61. Girls 69.

NEWBURY DEANERY SCHOOLS.

No report has been received this year. The statement of last year is, that the number of Children under instruction is—

Boys 154. Girls 223.

READING SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report generally, that the Buildings for the Schools are made very complete, and that, though a very large

sum has been expended upon them, they trust their funds will be equal to the disbursement. That they are in a very flourishing state: that the Children are all accommodated at the parish Church of St. LAWRENCE, and that their numbers are—

Boys 170. Girls 136

HUNGERFORD SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the Society has been prevented hitherto from proceeding in their designs, by a delay on the part of the town in fixing upon the plot of ground to be granted as the site of the new School-room: that the point is just settled, and the ground is to be legally conveyed in a few days, when the projected building will be instantly put in hand; and that no exertions on their part will be wanting to hasten its completion.

DEVIZES SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the progress of the Children is satisfactory; their conduct more orderly, and their habits improved. That the making list shoes, together with platting straw, and needle-work, form a part of their daily employment. That the School is regularly visited by some of the Ladies who contribute to its support. That seats are provided for all the Children in the parish Church; and that the funds by which it is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations £10. 10s. Annual Subs. £45. Girls 86.

WORCESTER
DIOCESAN SOCIETY:

INSTITUTED 1812.

THE Committee report, that the School was opened in May 1812: that the progress made by the Children since that period is very considerable, and that very good effects have been produced upon their conduct. That they are well accommodated in two of the City Churches, and their numbers at present are—

Boys 150. Girls 75.

Erratum, page 29.

BEDFORD FREE SCHOOL:

INSTITUTED 1813.

THE Committee report, that the School was opened solely with the view of extending the National System, in union with the NATIONAL SOCIETY, and of thereby resscuing some of the poorest and most abandoned of the female Children, of the populous District of ST. GILES's, from ignorance and vice: that the progress of the Children, in their instruction, has, in general, been as much as could have been expected; but that in religious knowledge it has been particularly striking. That, when admitted into the School, few, if any of them, knew the LORD'S Prayer: that 80 have been taught to repeat the whole Catechism distinctly and correctly; and have been made perfect in the Catechism broken, together with the Graces and Collects; and that the visible effects of the System are many and

pleasing—some of the most prominent being cleanliness, order, and regularity, in the Children, and respect and gratitude in the Parents.

That plain needle-work, of every description, and knitting, are taught in the School: that three Ladies perform the office of daily Visitors in rotation; and that the Children all attend regularly the service of the Established Church, every Sunday, though their numbers are greater than can be conveniently accommodated.

That a want of sufficient resources to erect a School has obliged them hitherto to content themselves with a private Room for the reception of the Children, and, in consequence, they have not been able to admit above 70 Scholars at one time; but that considering the apparent anxiety of the Parents to have their Children instructed after the National System, the extensive population of the neighbourhood, and the numerous applications for admission, which are of necessity dismissed, there is every reason to believe, that a Room, capable of holding 300 Girls, would soon be filled, had they the means to provide it.

That the funds by which the School is supported, and the number of Children under instruction, are—

Donations and Subscriptions £117. 10s.—Girls 70.

N^o. II.

GRANTS of MONEY made by the NATIONAL SOCIETY
to *Diocesan and District Societies and Schools* in
Union with it, since the annual General Meeting
2d June, 1813.

£.	
150	to BINGLEY, Yorkshire.
100	to DALTON, Yorkshire.
300	to SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.
30	to MOULTON, Northamptonshire.
25	to SIDBURY, Devonshire.
80	to BILLINGHURST, Sussex.
50	to EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.
25	to COWFOID, Sussex.
30	to MILE-END OLD-TOWN.
50	to NAYLAND, Suffolk.
80	to ISLEWORTH.
50	to WITHAM, Essex.
50	to PENSHURST, Kent.
16	to ILTON, Somersetshire.
100	to St. SAVIOUR's, Borough.
100	to ELTHAM, Kent.
100	to DEAL, Kent.
200	to LEEDS, Yorkshire.
100	to WANDSWORTH.
100	to WINTERBORNE, near Bristol.
100	to HUNGERFORD, Berks.
15	to OLD WINDSOR.
100	to St. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELDS.
100	to CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire.
100	to St. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELDS (<i>additional</i>)
100	to BROMLEY, Kent.
100	to NOTTINGHAM.
30	to BANGOR.
100	to FEVERSHAM, Kent.
100	to SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.
31 10s.	to AYLSHAM, Norfolk.
200	to MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.
100	to CARLISLE.
30	to FORNCET, Norfolk.
100	to ACTON BURNELL, Shropshire.
300	to LEICESTER.
50	to GUILDFORD, Surrey.
300	to HALLIFAX, Yorkshire.
20	to YARCOMB, Devonshire.
100	to RATCLIFF, in Stepney Parish.

N^o. III.

NATIONAL SOCIETY.

PLAN of UNION.

February 1812.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE of the NATIONAL SOCIETY having taken into their consideration, this day a Plan of Union, between the *Diocesan and District Committees or Schools* and the Parent Society, came to the following RESOLUTIONS;—

That, whereas the establishment of such Committees and Schools is the principal mean, by which the SOCIETY purposes and hopes to carry into effect the great end and design for which it has been formed, the Society is desirous of forwarding the progress of them by connecting them with itself, and by such assistance as its present means will allow.

That the foundation of this union between Diocesan and District Committees and Schools, with the Parent Society, being understood to be a general conformity, on their part, with the principles on which the SOCIETY itself is constituted;

Therefore, for the purpose of giving assurance of such conformity, the plan of such Committees and Schools shall be, in the first instance, transmitted to the *Diocesan or District Committee*, if there be any, and from thence to this SOCIETY, through its Secretary; or immediately to this SOCIETY, where there shall be no Diocesan or District Committee; and that afterwards annual, or, if desired, more frequent communications be made, in like manner, of their state and progress.

That in such Dioceses as have already, in conformity with the designs of the SOCIETY, formed *Central Committees*, under the superintendence of the respective Bishops, with which subordinate Schools correspond, it is recommended, that the com-

munications to this SOCIETY respecting the state and progress, as well of the Central as the subordinate Schools, be made from such *Central Committees* only; and that the same course and order be observed in every other Diocese, in which a *Central Committee* may be formed, subsequent to the establishment of local Schools.

That it be also recommended, that wherever funds for the establishment of Schools are provided, or, in the way of being provided, such Schools be formed without delay.

That it is the wish and intention of the NATIONAL SOCIETY to render, from time to time, pecuniary aid to the Diocesan and District Societies, and Schools, as far as may be in its power.

That it will also assist them in procuring Books, and a Master for their Central School, at its first establishment; recommending, at the same time, that all Diocesan and District Societies once established, shall endeavour, as far as possible, to provide for the wants of *all* the Schools under their superintendence; and, for that purpose, shall establish a proper collection of Books, and train up Teachers.

That the Society itself being instituted principally for educating the Poor in the doctrine and discipline of the Established Church, according to the excellent Liturgy and Catechism provided for that purpose, it is required that all the Children received into these Schools be instructed in this Liturgy and Catechism, and that, in conformity with the directions in that Liturgy, the Children of each School do constantly attend Divine Service in their parish Church, or other place of public worship under the Establishment, wherever the same is practicable, on the Lord's Day; unless such reason for their non-attendance be assigned, as shall be satisfactory to the persons having the direction of that School; and that no religious tracts be admitted into any School but such as are, or shall be contained in the Catalogue of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

T. T. WALMSLEY, Sec

NATIONAL SOCIETY.

"The Rules of the Society and the Terms of Union are before the Public in the Papers now published, as examples of the mode in which they wish the Plan to be carried into effect. They seek for no controul over the Schools established in the several Districts, nor any thing more than an assurance that they are founded on the same general Principles, on which sole condition they are willing to receive them into Union, and to give them such advice and assistance as may occasionally be required. If the Plan, of which they have now detailed the progress for a few Months, be cordially supported and encouraged by those who are Friends to the Communion of the Church, they have good reason to hope that it will accomplish a considerable improvement in the condition, and in the moral and religious habits of the poorer branches of the Community, and give a new character to Society at large."—*Extract from the first Report of June, 1812.*

T. T. WALMSLEY, SEC.

 N^o. IV.

NATIONAL SOCIETY,

For the EDUCATION of the POOR in the
Principles of the ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

MANY applications having been made to the COMMITTEE of the NATIONAL SOCIETY for Lists of Elementary and other Books, proper to be used in Schools upon the NATIONAL SYSTEM, the following are recommended as a convenient set for a School of 100 Children at its commencement; and they may be had by any Member of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, at the *reduced prices*, at RIVINGTON'S, St. Paul's Church Yard.

They may also be procured by any Member of the SOCIETY for PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, on the terms of that Society.

	Booksellers' prices.			Society's prices.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
50 Dozen of Leaves, or Cards, being the National Society Central School Book, No. 1.	0	8	4	0	4	2
50 National Society Central School Book, No. 2.	0	5	0	0	2	0
50 Ditto, No. 3.	0	5	0	0	2	0
50 Our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount	0	5	0	0	2	0
50 Catechism broken into short Questions	0	9	0	0	3	9
50 Ostervald's Abridgement of the Bible	0	5	0	0	2	0
50 Chief Truths of the Christian Religion	0	5	0	0	2	0
25 Psalters	1	7	1	0	13	6
25 Prayer Books	1	10	7	1	6	0½
25 Testaments	2	1	8	1	9	2
25 Bibles (bound in Calf)	5	18	9	4	1	3

N.B. It is expected that the Prayer Books, Testaments, and Bibles, will last at least Three Years. Psalters and Testaments are afterwards, with Children who have made sufficient progress, exchanged for Bibles and Prayer Books.

Of the same Booksellers may be had the last Edition of "*Instructions for conducting Schools on the Madras System*," by the Rev. Dr. ANDREW BELL, price 2s., by means of which those who are desirous to re-model old Schools, or to form new ones on the improved plan, will receive full and sufficient direction.

The Committee also recommend the following proportions of the under-mentioned articles, viz.—

Two or Three Sand Boards (See Dr. BELL's "Instructions," Page 23.)

Three Dozen common Slates.

Three Dozen Copy Books.

Also Four Dozen "*Arithmetical Tables for Madras Schools*," which may be had of the Booksellers above named.

No. 13, Clifford's-Inn, By order of the Committee,
August, 1812.

T. T. WALMSLEY, Secy

NATIONAL SOCIETY,
For the EDUCATION of the POOR in the
Principles of the ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

THE COMMITTEE of the NATIONAL SOCIETY are desirous to inform the Subscribers, and the Public at large, that the Central School, in Baldwin's Gardens, Gray's Inn Lane, has been opened, for some months, for the Education of 600 Boys and 400 Girls, and that it may be visited by the Subscribers to the NATIONAL SOCIETY, or by any Members of the local Societies or Schools in Union with it, or by any other respectable persons desiring to see the operation of the System. They also wish to acquaint the Friends to this Institution, that the SOCIETY, on application through their Secretary, will receive Masters and Mistresses, sent to them from any Society or School in Union with them, to be instructed gratuitously in the National System, and will assist in paying a part of the expences of such Master or Mistress coming to London to be trained, if the circumstances of the particular Society or School may appear to require that assistance. Every attention will be paid to qualify such persons for understanding and practising the System, which, with due application on their part, may be effected in a very few weeks: as soon as they are deemed competently qualified, they will receive a Certificate from the Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Assistant Superintendant, to that effect.

Should the Societies in the Country be unable to send up persons from their own neighbourhood fit to be instructed in the National System, which the Committee recommend as generally preferable to receiving Masters from London, a number of persons are now retained in the constant pay of the SOCIETY duly qualified to teach the System, who, upon application to the School Committee through the Secretary, are ready to be sent either as permanent Masters, or as Teachers for such a time as the parties requiring their

assistance may wish ; and, in the latter case, similar assistance in respect to the expences will be afforded, if it shall appear necessary.

With a view to furnishing initiatory Books with greater convenience, and at reduced prices, the Committee have ordered to be deposited at Messrs. RIVINGTON'S, St. Paul's Church Yard, Books of that description, in sets of 50 each, for 100 Children, (of which a list is subjoined,) which may be procured from those Booksellers upon application in writing, by any Member of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, or by the Secretary of any Society, or the Master of any School in Union with the NATIONAL SOCIETY, for the use of such School, at the same reduced Prices as those Books are sold by the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE to its Members.

The first Report* of the NATIONAL SOCIETY has been for some months in the course of delivery to Subscribers, at Messrs. RIVINGTON'S, and may be had by Non-Subscribers, price 2s. 6d. Upon a perusal of the above Report, it will be found that in inviting the Societies formed in the Country, to unite with the NATIONAL SOCIETY, it has no view of interfering with, or drawing upon their local Funds. Its only objects are to preserve an uniformity of proceeding, and to adopt the most improved System of educating the Poor, that can be devised ; and, at the same time, to afford to the Societies in the Country pecuniary assistance, at their *first* establishment, where their Funds, after due exertion, appear to require it ; and to furnish them with competent Masters, and proper Books, at a reduced expence.

The COMMITTEE anxiously hope that the liberality and zeal of the Nation at large will enable them, by Contributions to the *Parent*, as well as to the local Societies, to furnish extensively such means of assistance as may be considered likely to produce the most important benefits to the Public, and to prove the most advantageous application of the general Funds of the Society.

* The 2d and 3d Annual Reports may now also be had as above by Members of the NATIONAL SOCIETY gratis ; and, by Non-Subscribers, at the price of 3s. each.

Of the progress that has been already made in the establishment of the System of National Education throughout the Kingdom ; of the numerous local Societies already formed in Union with the NATIONAL Society, information is given in the Report, up to the time of its publication, and much has since been done. Aids have been furnished in sums from £20. to £200., when local circumstances pointed out the necessity of such aids ; and numerous Reports have been received from various parts of the Country of the beneficial effects already produced, on the morals and manners, not only of the Children themselves, but also of the Parents, whose gratitude for this attention to the interests and welfare of their Children is every where very strongly marked.

The Subscribers are respectfully reminded, that their Subscriptions for the current year became due the first of January, and that Subscriptions continue to be received at Messrs. SIKES, SNAITH, and Co.'s, *Mansion House Street* ; Messrs. DRUMMOND'S, *Charing Cross* ; and JOSHUA WATSON, Esq. Treasurer, No. 20, *Mark Lane*.

	£.	s.	d.
50 dozen Cards or Leaves, or National } Society Central School Book, No. 1. }	0	4	2
50 National Society Central School Book, No. 2.	0	2	0
50 Ditto No. 3.	0	2	0
50 Sermon on the Mount	0	2	0
50 Broken Catechism	0	3	9
50 Ostervald's Abridgement	0	2	0
Arithmetical Tables, per dozen	0	0	4½
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And Mrs. TRIMMER'S "Teacher's Assistant," 2 Vols. in double Sets, at	0	7	0 each set.

By order of the Committee,

T. T. WALMSLEY.

February, 1813.

No. VI.

**The present State of the CENTRAL SCHOOL,
BALDWIN'S GARDENS.**

ARRANGEMENT.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL is divided into two rooms, well lighted and ventilated: one for 600 Boys, and the other for 400 Girls, allowing six square feet for each Child.

The Building is perfectly plain, and fitted up in the simplest manner, the walls white-washed, and the floor level. Writing desks, having in front a single row of benches on which the Children sit to write in successive portions, are placed round each School against the wall, with the top ledge about three inches from it, so as to admit the Slates on which they write to hang from hooks fixed 14 inches asunder in a slender deal rail, fastened to the wall about half a foot above the ledge. At the lower end of the School are placed the sand trays, extending across the room, at which the alphabet and stops are taught, and the under classes write a portion of their reading lessons. The rest of the room contains only a desk, on which lies a book for the insertion of Visitor's names, and a few moveable forms in the Boys' School, and two large work tables and forms in the Girls' School; the area being left as open as possible, to allow full space for the classes to form, and the Children to pass freely to and from their places.

The Schools, — in which the Madras System is strictly* observed as well in the mode of tuition, as in discipline, — are divided into aisles, and each aisle into classes of not more than 36 in each; the only rule for classification being the qualifications of the Children.

To each class are attached a teacher, and an assistant teacher, who have the entire management and direction of such class: the teachers

*See "Elements of Tuition," &c. by the Rev. Dr. A. BELL, in which the particulars of the System are fully detailed.

being selected from a superiour, and the assistants from their own, or the class immediately above them, and, in whatever class they have charge, reading a portion of the lesson in turn with the other Children.

To each aisle is appointed a sub-usher, who sees that the teachers do their duty; and over each School presides a head-usher, or monitor.

EMPLOYMENT.

MORNING.

The Schools open precisely at nine with *Prayers*, consisting of the 2nd and 3rd Collects of Morning Service, the Lord's Prayer, and "the Grace of our Lord," read by one of the Children; and every Child not present at Prayers, and not assigning a satisfactory reason for absence, is detained after School-Hours from five to thirty minutes.

After Prayers the first aisle *cipher* till ten—learn by heart *Religious exercises* till half-past ten—write till eleven—and read till the Schools are dismissed, at twelve.

Second aisle *write* till half-past nine—learn *Religious exercises* till ten—read till eleven—and *cipher* till twelve.

Third aisle learn *Religious exercises* till half-past nine—and read and write alternately till twelve.

AFTERNOON.

The Schools re-open, at two. The Girls' School, still in classes with teachers, assistants, &c. learn *knitting* and *needle-work* till half-past four, and *arithmetical tables* till five.

The Boys' School—first aisle *cipher* till three—write till half-past three—read till half-past four—and learn *arithmetical tables* till five.

Second aisle *write* till half-past two—read till half-past three—*cipher* till half-past four—and learn *arithmetical tables* till five.

Third aisle *read* and *write* till half-past four, and learn *arithmetical tables* or *cipher* till five; at which hour both Schools are dismissed with the Gloria Patri, sung by the Children after Prayers

read by one of the Children, as in the Morning, with the substitution only of the 2nd and 3rd Evening Collects for the two Morning Collects.

The *Religious exercises* learnt by heart are—the Lord's Prayer—Grace before and after meat—2nd and 3rd Collects of the Morning and Evening Service—Prayer on entering and leaving Church—the Catechism entire—and the same broken into short questions.

The Books in *reading*, for which the Children are prepared by previous instruction on the *sand trays*, are—National Society Central School, No. 1. or Cards (taught Card by Card, first by previous spelling, then by words)—National Society Central School, No. 2.—National Society Central School, No. 3.—the Sermon on the Mount.—the Parables—the Discourses—and the Miracles of Our Blessed Saviour—Ostervald's Abridgement of the Old Testament—and Mrs. Trimmer's Abridgement of the New—all taught in the usual way, except that the spelling columns No. 3. are first read syllabically and then by words: then follow the Bible and Prayer Book, to be put into the hands of such as by means of this initiatory course have attained to good reading.

The *ciphering exercises* begin with "Arithmetical Tables for the use of Schools on the Madras System" in order, viz. the Tables of Numeration, counting as far as 100 forwards and backwards, of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division, and Tables of Money, after which the Children proceed in the same order to the practice of the rules on slates, ending with compound Multiplication and Division.

The *writing exercises* begin with the letters, figures, and stops, in the *sand trays*, and then proceed to writing on Slates, until sufficient progress is made for occasional writing in Copy-books.

N. B. The Summer holidays commence on the first Monday in August, and continue for one fortnight; and the Winter holidays on the day before Christmas-day, and continue for the same period.

N^o. VII.

Form of Certificate for Masters.

NATIONAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL.

THIS is to certify that _____ who is desirous of being admitted into the NATIONAL CENTRAL SCHOOL, for the purpose of learning the System of Education there practised, is a Member of the UNITED CHURCH of ENGLAND and IRELAND as by law established, and of a sober and religious life and conversation.

Signed

Rector, }
 Vicar, or } of
 Curate, }

. It is requested that no Clergyman will sign the above Certificate as *a matter of form*, but that he will make the strictest enquiries into the character of the person applying for his signature, and into the regularity of attendance upon the Service of the Church.

N^o. X.

Rules and Regulations for Training Masters.

THE conduct and improvement of the Masters being objects to which the very particular attention of the Committee is directed, it is ordered—

That a Book shall be kept, to be called the *Report of the Masters*, which shall be a faithful register of their conduct, and be laid

weekly before the COMMITTEE, during whose sitting every Master is required to be in waiting.

That every Master on his arrival from the country be directed to enter his name, and the place whence he came, in a Book prepared for the purpose, and to take a Copy of the Rules of the School.

That every Master do attend in the School-room each day precisely at eight o'clock in the Summer, and in the Winter months a quarter before nine in the morning, and at half-past one in the afternoon, and enter his name, and the exact time of his attendance, in a Book to be kept for that purpose; and that any omission to make such an entry, be noted as an absence without leave.

That every Training Master do wait his dismission by the Superintending Master, previous to his leaving the School morning and afternoon; and do examine the *Orderly Book* on first entering the School in the Morning, to see what duty is assigned to him for the day.

That as the object of the attendance of Training Masters upon the School, is their speedy and perfect attainment to a knowledge of the Madras System, every Master be desired on his first entry to attend one of the junior classes for his more ready initiation in the manner of giving out and saying a lesson, there to remain until such time as he is perfectly master of it, or rises to the top of the class, &c.

That no Master be on any account allowed to take charge of any class, or be placed in any responsible situation, until he has been examined as to his competency, and pronounced sufficiently acquainted with the Madras System to be qualified for such charge, and that none be entitled to receive his Certificate until he has been at least a week in such charge, and conducted himself therein to the satisfaction of the Superintendant.

Note.—The same rules may be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the Mistresses in Training.

N^o. IX.

SOCIETY of SECRETARIES.

AT a Meeting of the SECRETARIES to the DIOCESAN and DISTRICT SOCIETIES and SCHOOLS, in Union with the NATIONAL SOCIETY, held at the Central School, on Tuesday, the 31st of May, 1814, there were present—

Rev. F. IREMONGER, *Secretary to the Winchester Diocesan Society*;

— C. PILKINGTON, *Ditto Chichester*;

— T. SCOTT, *Ditto Deanery of Tendering*;

— H. H. NORRIS, *Ditto Hackney*;

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Rev. W. WHITEAR, *Starston, Norfolk*;

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— Mr. HASLEWOOD, *Bedford Chapel Girls' School*;

S. STEPHENSON, Esq. *Westminster Free School*.

1st—Resolved, that it would accelerate considerably the progress of the National System of Education, if opportunity were afforded for receiving and communicating information from different parts of the Kingdom, where the same is in operation.

2nd—That it is expedient, for the purpose of furthering the object of the National Society, that there should be an annual Meeting in LONDON, of the Secretaries to the Diocesan and District Societies and Schools, in Union with it. That this

Meeting shall take place on some day in the same week in which the annual General Meeting of the National Society shall be holden

3rd—That the Secretaries be requested to bring with them, or, if they cannot attend, to send a general statement of the proceedings of the several Societies during the year.

4th—That it be a part of the Constitution of this Society, to admit honorary Members to be chosen annually, by a majority of the Members present at the Meeting, and that Members of local Committees are alone eligible.

5th—That all communications to and from this Society, be made by the Secretary of the National Society, who, on all occasions, be requested to take the Chair.

6th—Resolved, that the Rev. the Archdeacons of the Diocese of LONDON, the Rev. the Archdeacon of CHICHESTER, the Rev. Dr. BELL, the Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON, JOSHUA WATSON, Esq. Treasurer to the National Society, H. BARCHARD, Esq. Treasurer to the Wandsworth Auxiliary Society, be appointed honorary Members of this Society.

7th.—Resolved, that these Resolutions be printed, and Copies sent to the Secretaries of the Diocesan and District Societies and Schools, in Union with the National Society.

8th—Resolved, that all questions relating to the objects of this Society, or to any alteration of its laws, be decided by a majority of the Members present.

9th—Resolved, that in case the Secretary of any Committee be unable to attend this Meeting, he be allowed to appoint any Member of his own Committee to attend and vote in his stead.

The Association being formed, and the communications of the several Members present having been made, it was

10th—Resolved, that great difficulties having arisen in complying with the wishes of the National Society, to obtain returns from different Parishes of the number of educated and uneducated Children, and in many instances no returns having been made, it would greatly promote the ends of the Institution, if the General Committee of the National Society could, as far as its influence extends, take such measures as it may deem effectual for remedying this defect.

11th—Resolved, that it would further the objects of the National Society, if a general Visitor were appointed to inspect the Central Schools, and such other Schools in Union with it, as may be thought adviseable; and if a recommendation were expressed from the General Committee to the Diocesan and District Societies, to appoint an annual Visitor to their respective Schools.

12th—Resolved, that the Chairman be requested to communicate the Resolutions passed at this Meeting to the General Committee of the National Society.

13th—Resolved, that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman, for his assistance in the business of this day.

T. T. WALMSLEY,

Chairman.

FORM for leaving a LEGACY to the SOCIETY.

I give unto the TREASURER, for the time being, of the Society formed in LONDON, under the title of "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR "IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH, "THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES," the Sum of of lawful Money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, current in Great Britain, to be paid to him within Calendar Months next after my decease, out of such part only of my personal Estate as shall not consist of Chattels real, to be by him applied in promoting the purposes of the said Society; and I hereby direct and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Society, for the time being, for the said Legacy, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.

N^o. X.—NATIONAL SOCIETY *for the* *Principles of the*

CASH—DR.	Receipts, &c.	from Audit, 1813,			
			£.	s.	d.
To Balance of Cash last Audit, viz.					
Messrs. Drummonds'	14	10	0		
Sikes, Snaith, & Co.'s	1	9	8		
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To Claim on the Estate of Messrs. Boldero & Co. ..	238	10	0		
To amount of Donations and Subscriptions since last Audit, viz.					
Received by Messrs. Drummonds.....	245	15	0		
Ditto by Messrs. Sikes, Snaith, & Co.	350	19	0		
Ditto by the Treasurer and Collector	1631	14	0		
Ditto at the Central School, by the } Rev. W. Johnson	56	6	6		
				2284	14 6
To sale of 2000 3 per Cent. reduced Stock, at 56½ ..	1133	18	6		
To ditto of 3000 ditto ditto ..	60	0	0	1806	8 6
To Dividends on Stock, viz.					
Midsummer, on 6000 Consols	81	0	0		
Michaelmas 9000 Reduced	121	10	0		
Christmas 6000 Consols	81	0	0		
Lady-Day 6000 Reduced	81	0	0		
				364	10 0
To return of Property Tax, to 5th April, 1813.....	60	0	0		
To ditto.....5th April, 1814.....	40	10	0		
To Rent of No. 46, Baldwin's Gardens, let to Mr. } Rushbrooke, from Christ. 1811, to Christ. 1813 }	32	7	4		

1st June, 1814.

*These Accounts examined and compared with
the Vouchers, and allowed.*

Signed, THOS PUMER, } AUDITORS.
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EDUCATION of the POOR in the ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

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By Payments of Grants to Schools in Union	2666	5	0
By Salaries of Training Masters	561	9	0
By Gratuities and Allowances to ditto	54	16	0
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By extra Expences of Training Masters	22	9	6
By Payments for School Books	28	10	8
By ditto for Bibles and Prayer-books to the Society } for Promoting Christian Knowledge	90	0	11
By ditto for Rewards, Gratuities, &c. to Boys and Girls	80	14	11
By ditto Allowance to Assistant Superintendent, } 1 year, from Christmas 1812, to Christmas 1813 }	150	0	0
By ditto 1 year's Salary to Schoolmistress and } Housekeeper, to Christmas, 1813..... }	70	0	0
By ditto Gratuity to ditto.....	31	10	0
By ditto 1 year's Salary to Secretary's Messenger, } to Lady-Day, 1814	54	12	0
By ditto for Servants, Coals, & Candles, to Christmas	103	15	5
By ditto for Rent, Repairs, Rates, and Taxes	413	12	0
By ditto for Charges Printing, &c. &c.....	130	13	10
By ditto for Postage, Stationary for Secretary and } Committee, and other incidental Expences }	112	16	5
By Claim on Estate on Boldero & Co.	238	10	0
By Cash * Balance at Messrs. Drummonds'	260	5	0
at Messrs. Sikes, Snaith, & Co.'s	812	0	2

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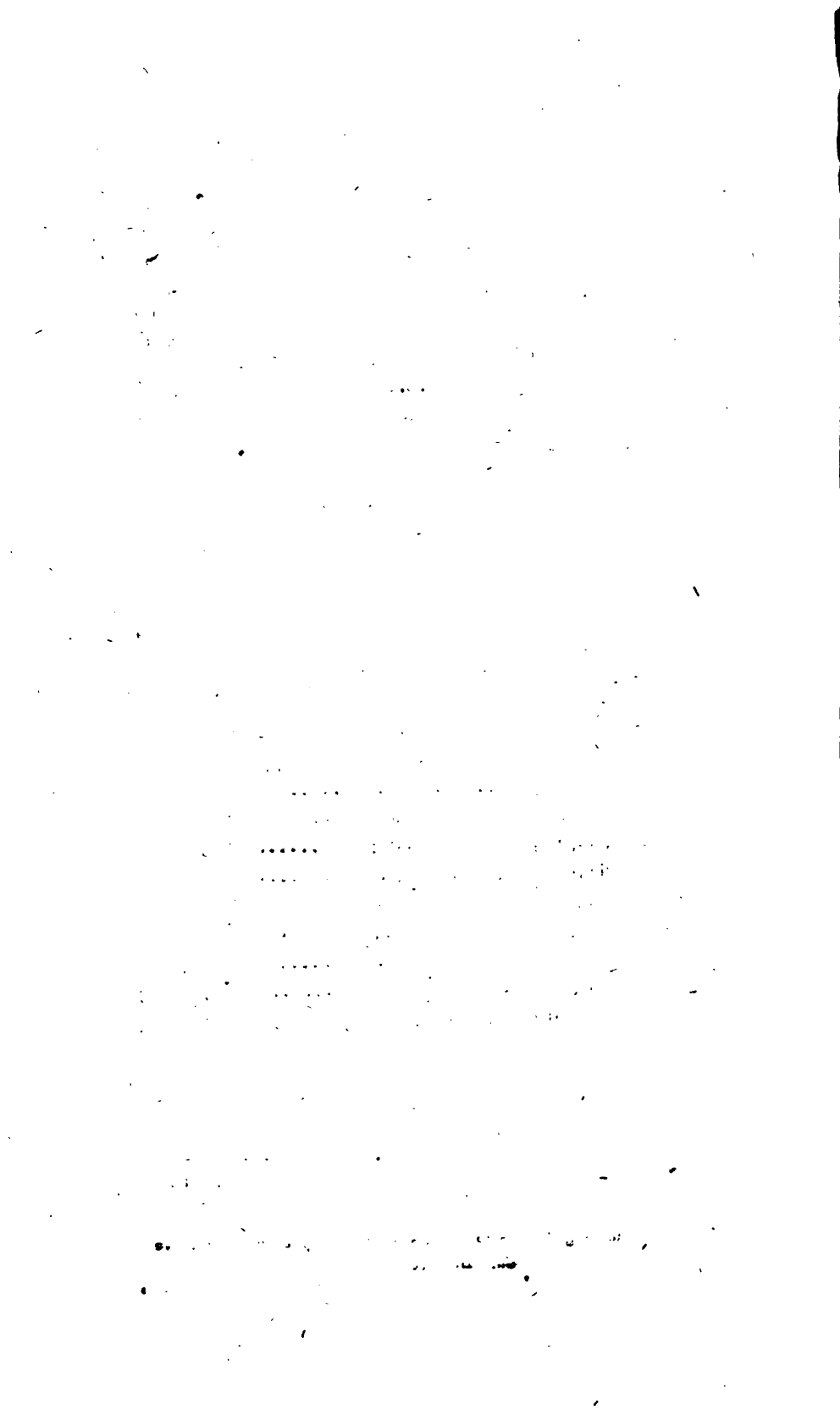
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